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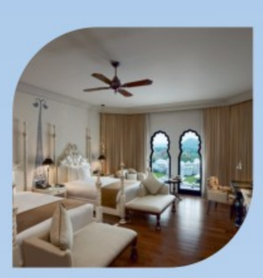
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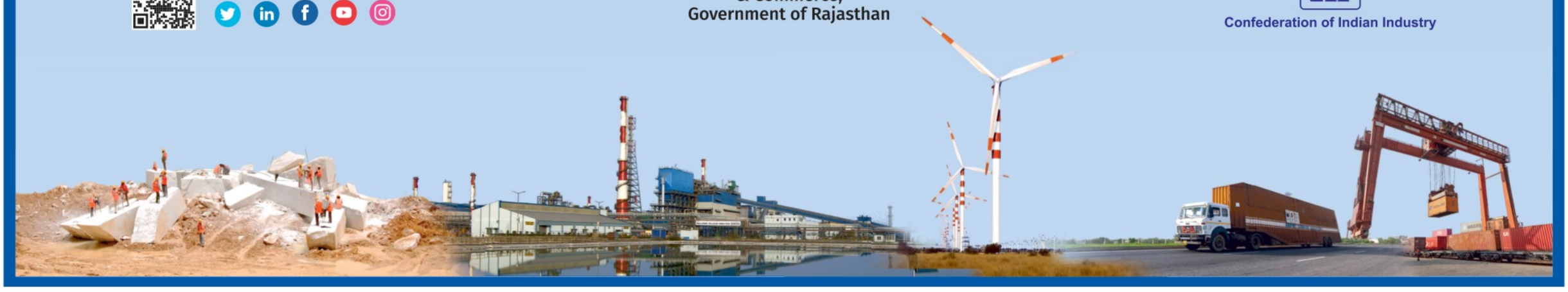

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# World Bank pares India FY23 growth projection to 6.5%

Indian economy's expansion is expected to speed up to 7% in the next fiscal year, before settling back down to 6.1% in FY24-25

**Sriram Lakshman**
WASHINGTON DC

The World Bank has trimmed its estimate for India's growth in the current fiscal year (FY22-23) to 6.5%, one percentage point lower than its previous projection in June and compared with the last fiscal year's 8.7% pace.

The estimate for the current year was revised due to 'persistent pressures'. The Indian economy is expected to speed up to 7% in the next fiscal year, before settling back down to 6.1% in FY24-25. The estimates were released as part of the Bank's twice yearly South Asia Economic Focus, titled "Coping with shocks: Migration and the road to resilience", ahead of the World Bank IMF annual meetings.

With Sri Lanka's economic crisis, the devastating floods in Pakistan, and recovery from the pandemic impacted by the war in Ukraine, recovery in the region will be uneven.

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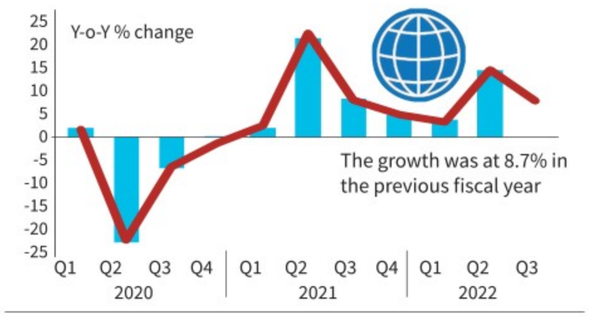
**A slowdown in growth**

The chart shows the World Bank's nowcast for quarterly GDP growth. It estimates that India's GDP will grow 6.5% in FY22-23, 1 percentage point lower than the previous estimate




# Annie Ernaux wins Literature Nobel

**Agence France-Presse**
STOCKHOLM

French author Annie Ernaux, known for her deceptively simple novels drawing on personal experience of class and gender, was on Thursday awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Ms. Ernaux, 82, was honoured "for the courage and clinical acuity with which she uncovers the roots, estrangements and collective restraints of personal memory", the jury said.

Interviewed on Swedish television immediately after the announcement, Ms. Ernaux called it a "very great honour" and "a great responsibility".

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Annie Ernaux

Personal experiences are the source for all of Ms. Ernaux's work and she is the pioneer of France's "autofiction" genre, which gives narrative form to real-life experience.

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# UN Council rejects debate on Xinjiang

**Agence France-Presse**
GENEVA

The UN Human Rights Council on Thursday voted against holding a debate on alleged abuses in China's Xinjiang region after intense lobbying by Beijing, in a major setback for Western nations. India and 10 other nations abstained.

The U.S. and allies presented the first draft decision to the UNHRC targeting China after former UN rights chief Michelle Bachelet gave her Xinjiang report, alleging torture, detention of Uighurs and other Muslim minorities.

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# Nine perform puja at madrasa, booked

**The Hindu Bureau**
KALABURAGI

The Bidar police have booked nine persons for trespassing into Mahmud Gawan madrasa, a heritage site in the city in north Karnataka, and performing puja during Dasara festivities early on Thursday.

A strong police force was also deployed around the site to prevent any untoward incident. As per eyewitness accounts, nine persons who were part of a larger group performed the puja, in the presence of the police, during the Bhavani Devi procession.

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**Sonia joins yatra in Mandya**

MANDYA
Congress president Sonia Gandhi joined the Bharat Jodo Yatra, which resumed its journey in Pandavapura in Mandya district on Thursday after a two-day Dasara break.

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**No court relief for Xiaomi**

BENGALURU
The High Court of Karnataka said it cannot grant an interim order in favour of Xiaomi Technology India Pvt. Ltd. in a Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) case.

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### Finance Ministry releases revenue deficit grants

**7,183** In ₹ crore, the amount released by the Finance Ministry as monthly instalment of revenue deficit grant to 14 States. With the release of the seventh instalment for the month of October, 2022, the total amount of revenue deficit grants released to the States in the current fiscal has gone up to ₹50,282.92 crore, an official statement said. PTI

### Receiving dividends from Central Public Sector Enterprises

**1,203** In ₹ crore, the amount received by the government as dividend tranches from five CPSEs, including SAIL and IRCTC, according to Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM). With this, the total dividend receipts of the government from public sector enterprises stood at ₹14,778 crore in the current fiscal. PTI

### Kolkata metro ferries passengers travelling for Durga Puja

**39.2** In lakh, the number of passengers who availed the Kolkata metro in six days during Durga Puja — till 'Vijayadashami', according to an official. Night-long services were made available for enthusiasts during the festival, he added. The metro has earned ₹6.6 crore by selling tokens, smart cards and recharging smart cards on these days, he said. PTI

### CBI's operation to dismantle cyber criminal gangs

**26** The number of cyber criminals arrested so far under 'Operation Chakra' of the CBI, according to officials. The operation was launched in coordination with State police, Interpol and agencies of other countries to dismantle cyber crime gangs operating in India. Out of the 26 arrested, 16 were arrested by Karnataka Police and seven by Delhi Police. PTI

### Thai mass shooting by ex-policeman leave many dead

**37** The number of people killed in a mass shooting that took place in Northeastern Thailand, according to officials. The fatalities include 22 children, a local police official informed. The official confirmed that the gunman, a former policeman, killed his wife and child at their home before turning his weapon on himself. At least 12 people have been injured. Reuters

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# Is it time for the gig economy?

What is moonlighting and how is it affecting the companies in India? Is it a punishable offence under the law? How has the work-from-home culture affected the gig economy of our country?

EXPLAINER

K. Bharat Kumar

**The story so far:**

Moonlighting – or employees working for remuneration with entities other than their employers – has been a hot topic in recent months. During the pandemic, those with desk jobs had more time on their hands and thus it was easier to take on a few projects outside of work. In July, Kotak Securities said in a study that at least 60% of 400 employees surveyed said they themselves had, or knew someone who had engaged in moonlighting.

**How are companies reacting to moonlighting?**

In August, Wipro chairman Rishad Premji tweeted: "There is a lot of chatter about people moonlighting in the tech industry. This is cheating – plain and simple." The company sacked 300 employees following the discovery that they were working for rival firms on the side, leading to conflict of interest. Infosys has warned staff against moonlighting, saying it could lead to termination.

Another software firm DXC Technologies said that moonlighting by employees was a challenge for employers but that wouldn't affect its WFH (work from home) policy that has worked well for both the firm and its staff. Swiggy announced a 'moonlighting policy' that allows employees "to pursue their passion for economic interests alongside their full-time employment."

**What does the law say?**

Moonlighting is not defined in any of the statutes in India, says S. Ravindran, Senior Advocate who specialises in labour laws. "To my knowledge so far, no Constitutional Court has rendered a decision on the subject," he says. However, there are enactments that deal with double employment. Section 60 of the Factories Act deals with restriction on double employment stating that "No adult worker shall be required or allowed to work in any factory on any day on which he has already been working in any other factory, save in such circumstances as may be prescribed". However, this enactment is applicable only to employees working in factories, Mr. Ravindran points out.

There are State enactments which deal with employment of persons working in offices, banks, shops, etc. In Tamil Nadu, it is termed as "The Tamil Nadu Shops & Establishments Act, 1947". However, there is no provision wherein dealing with dual employment.

However, moonlighting is subject to law of the land. Mr. Ravindran refers to the Supreme Court's observation in the case of *Glaxo Laboratories (I) Limited vs Labour Court, Meerut and others*. The apex court held that "The employer has hardly any extra territorial jurisdiction. He is not the custodian of general law and order situation nor the Guru or mentor of his workmen for their well-regulated cultural advancement. If the power to regulate the behaviour of the workmen outside the duty hours and at any place wherever they may be was conferred upon the employer, contract of service may be reduced to contract of slavery." This case was not specifically about moonlighting but the court's observation gives us an idea as to how the law may view such cases.

Moonlighting is subject to law of the land. The sphere of employment cannot be extended by the employer beyond working hours and outside his place of employment, which is the principle laid down in the above judgment. In other words, the employee can choose to arrange his affairs as he pleases beyond the working hours of the employer.

**Does the law lay out punitive action against moonlighting?**

Mr. Ravindran avers that unless an employer is able to prove that an employee acted against the interest of the company, Courts may not uphold severe punishment of termination of employment. "We have to wait for precedents in this regard," he says.

The Courts of law in India dealing with employment are Writ Courts and Labour Courts. These Courts exercise jurisdiction based on equity or fairness. Therefore, the Courts may lean in favour of the employee unless the contravention of the employee has led to serious prejudice and loss to the employer, he adds.

The Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and Electronics and IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar said that employers should not to suppress employees who want to monetise, develop and demonstrate but also urged employees not to violate their agreements with employers.

In today's world, every company ought to have a gig economy strategy. Paul Estes, author of the book *Gig Mindset,* said, "Not having one is like missing the Internet revolution of 1990 or the mobile revolution in 2010."

In the last century, work from home was never thought of. But in the current times, it has become a common norm.

Likewise, maybe we are indeed on the cusp of change when it comes to the gig economy.

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### THE GIST

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# The Indian-made LCH 'Prachand' and its significance

What is the Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) project and why was it necessary for the Indian armed forces? What are the key features of the LCH and how will it strengthen the air defence?

Sumeda

**The story so far:**

The indigenously developed Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) *Prachand*, meaning fierce, was formally inducted into the Indian Air Force at the Jodhpur airbase on Monday. The multi-role attack helicopter has been customised as per the requirements of the Indian armed forces to operate both in desert terrains and high-altitude sectors. The LCH is the only attack helicopter in the world that can land and take off at an altitude of 5,000 metres (16,400 ft). It is also capable of firing a range of air-to-ground and air-to-air missiles.

**What is the LCH project?**

The LCH project can be traced to the 1999 Kargil war when the armed forces felt the need for a dedicated platform capable of operating at high altitudes and delivering precision strikes as the existing attack choppers couldn't effectively hit targets.

In October 2006, the government sanctioned the design and development of the LCH. The Indian Army joined the programme in December 2013. The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) built four LCH prototypes flight-tested them with over 1,600 total flights logging 1,239 flight hours.

The ground run was first carried out in February 2010 and the first prototype 'TD-1' took its maiden flight on March 29, 2010, as the crew carried out low-speed, low-altitude checks on the systems. After extensive flight testing in diverse terrains and weather conditions, the LCH received initial operation clearance on August 26, 2017. It was declared ready for production in February 2020. A year later, Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the LCH to the Indian Air Force.

Earlier this year, the Cabinet Committee on Security, headed by PM Modi approved the procurement of 15 limited series production (LSP) variants at a cost of ₹3,887 crore – 10 for the IAF and five for the Indian Army.

The Indian Army formally inducted its first Light Combat Helicopter on September 29.

**What are the main features of LCH?**

Powered by twin Shakti engines, a collaborative effort of the HAL and France's Safran company, the LCH is a 5.8-tonne class combat helicopter with potent ground attack and aerial combat capability. The helicopter can fly at a maximum speed of 288 kmph and has a combat radius of 500 km, which can go up to a service ceiling of 21,000 feet, making it ideal to operate in Siachen. It incorporates several stealth features such as reduced radar and infra-red signatures, crashworthy features for improved survivability, armoured-protection systems and night attack capability.

**How will the LCH give an edge to the armed forces?**

The induction of the LCH into the Air Force has been termed as a "big boost" to the combat prowess of the armed forces and a "potent platform to meet the operational requirements of the IAF and the Army".

The LCH helicopters can be deployed to assume air defence, anti-tank roles in high-altitude, counter-insurgency, and search and rescue operations, and are equipped with advanced technology which can be used to destroy the enemy's air defence, as per HAL. It can be deployed to perform Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR), bunker busting operations, counter-insurgency operations in the jungle and urban areas and support the ground forces, Defence Ministry officials said.

As per HAL, the Indian armed forces have an overall requirement of 160 LCH – 95 for Army and 65 for Air Force. The fleet of first four helicopters was inducted into the 143 Helicopter Unit 'Dhanush'. The helicopters are likely to be deployed along the Line of Actual Control along with Apache choppers.

### THE GIST

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**TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR Improvements / Maintenance to road works in Mandya District**

Tender in One / Two cover system is invited from qualified Eligible contractors for the works pertaining to **Mandya Division** through e-procurement portal as per Standard bid document KW- 1,2,& 3. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Documents may be downloaded from 07-10-2022. Last date for Queries 17-10-2022 upto 4.00 pm, Last date for submission of tender 17-10-2022 upto 4.30 pm, Date of opening Technical bid 18-10-2022 at 5.00 pm onwards, Financial bid upto Rs. 50.00 Lakhs will be opened on 18-10-2022 at 5.00 pm onwards or next Office working days. Financial bid Above Rs. 50.00 Lakhs will be opened on 20-10-2022 at 11.00 am onwards or next Office working day. Tender Processing Fees as per E-Procurement & Duration including Monsoon 2/3 months, Number of works: 32, Estimate Amount Maximum **Rs. 95.00** Lakhs, Minimum **Rs. 6.00** Lakhs, EMD as per E-Procurement. For more information contact the above office during Office Hours.

"Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspaper and further changes will be updated only in e-procurement portal."

**Sd/- EE., PWD Division, Mandya**

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**ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ**
ಸರ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 2213898, 2213888 website : www.hdmc.gov.in
**ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಧಾರವಾಡ**
ಫೋ:–(0836)2213838 Email : eedharwad@gmail.com

ನಂ.ಎಚ್.ಡಿಎಂಸಿ/67/07/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 03–10–2022

**ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ**

ಸನ್ 2021–22 & 2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಸನ್ 2020–21 ಮಹಾತ್ಮ ಗಾಂಧಿ ನಗರ ವಿಕಾಸ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಯ PWD/CPWD/HDMC/ ಇತರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

**ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಇ.ನಂ :**
**(1) 128741(Gen), (2) 133188(Gen), (3) 136621(Gen), (4) 131601(Gen), (5) 132532(Gen), (6) 114531(Gen), (7) 130316(Gen),** ಒಟ್ಟು 07 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. **640.41** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **07/10/2022** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಧಾರವಾಡ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **0836–2213838** ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

**ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ**
(1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **21/10/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **25/10/2022** ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 10.35 ಗಂಟೆ (3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **07/11/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 4.35 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

**ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,**
**ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ,**
**ಧಾರವಾಡ**

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/632/2022–23

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## BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No.: E-69/2022-2023 **E-TENDERS** Date : 30.09.2022

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence S.No., Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. **S.No.:- 1.** 06221538, 18.10.2022, Connector Plug, Part No. 18360105, 03, Nos., **S.No.:- 2.** 06221416, 21.10.2022, Cable 325/24, Part No. 18330101, 390 MTR, **S.No.:- 3.** 06221418, 18.10.2022, Cable Size, Part No. 18330198, 769 MTR, **S.No.:- 4.** 06221432, 18.10.2022, Cable-4, Part No. 18330356, 21 MTR, **S.No.:- 5.** 06221412, 18.10.2022, Cable size, Part No. 18330060, 3718 MTR, **S.No.:- 6.** 01225001, 18.10.2022, Tube ASM., Non Stock, 9 Set, **S.No.:- 7.** 01225002, 19.10.2022, S S Tube & S S Pipe, Non Stock, 9 Set, **S.No.:- 8.** 01225003, 20.10.2022, S S Pipe Fitting, Non Stock, 9 Set, **S.No.:- 9.** 01221025, 18.10.2022, Main Bearing Upper Center 16150715, 11 Nos -- Main Bearing Lower Center 16150727 11 Nos, **S.No.:- 10.** 02222168B, 18.10.2022, Mettalic Drive Screw, PL No. 15262017, 13.33 HDS, **S.No.:- 11.** 02222670C, 18.10.2022, Hex HD Bolt, PL No. 15074134, 120 Nos., **S.No.:- 12.** 02223427A, 27.10.2022, Kit-04 (16 CYL) Kit for Cap Screws, PL No. 10272835, 12 Set, **S.No.:- 13.** 10221032C, 20.10.2022, Pump Assembly (Turbo Soak Back Pump) PL.No. 16060210, 42 Nos., **S.No.:- 14.** 10221084A, 21.10.2022, Grar Asm-ACC Drive PL No. 16050010, 23 Nos., **S.No.:- 15.** 03221088B, 12.10.2022, 90336677, Bright Steel Round Bar 40 mm, 221 Kgs, -- 90726340, Bright Steel Round Bar 28 mm, 18 Kgs, -- 90726388, Bright Steel Round Bar 45 mm, 3633.30 Kgs, **S.No.:- 16.** 04221048G, 20.10.2022, Kit for Transom And Channel ASM to PL No. 29127488, 51 Sets, **S.No.:- 17.** 09221083B, 18.10.2022, Sheet Assembly Cover, to PL No. 18022273, 23 Nos., **S.No.:- 18.** 01221179, 26.10.2022, Oil Pan Machining ASM. PL No. 16020935, 9 Nos., **S.No.:- 19.** 04223205, 02.11.2022, St. Steel Louvre Assly to PL No. 29170205, 285 sets, **CORRIGENDUM Notice S.No.:-20. Bid No. E-64, Tender No.:-** 10221998 Support-Rocker Arm PL No. 16130030, **Revision:- 1, Details of Corrigendum:-** The tender opening date has been revised and now the same will be opened on 21.10.22 instead of 10.10.22 for Quantity 596 Nos., **S.No.:-21. Bid No. E-63, Tender No.:-** e-Reverse Auction T. No. 10222882, Reconditioning of used/Defective HHP Turbo Wheel Impeller Balance Assembly PL.No. 16081470, **Revision:- 1, Details of Corrigendum:-** The tender opening date has been revised and now the same will be opened on 14.10.22 instead of 30.09.22 with revised item description., **NOTE:** All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged for above tenders. The details of above tenders are available on **www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in**.

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## KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
**(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)**
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

**BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION** (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Bids in two cover are invited through e-portal mode from the reputed agencies/ firm having adequate experience in the thermal power plant for the following works:

**1) KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12574/CALL-4, Dated: 28.09.2022** for Servicing/Repair of Air dryer of Unit 1 & 2 AHP (4 Nos.) including replacement of activated alumina-BTPS. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 5,75,604/-** (incl. of all taxes). EMD: **Rs. 14400/-.**

**2) KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12575/CALL-4, Dated: 28.09.2022** for Servicing/ Repair of EOT Cranes of Unit 1 & 2 AHP including replacement of necessary spares-BTPS. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 4,97,488/-** (incl. of all taxes). EMD: **Rs. 12500/-.** Pre-Bid meeting: **14.10.2022 at 11.00 Hrs.** Last date for submission of bids: **18.10.2022, 16.00 Hrs.** Opening of Technical Bid: **19.10.2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Opening of Financial Bid: **20.10.2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Tender document may be download from GoK e-procure ment website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (AHP)-1,** BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583152. Mobile: 94482 90768.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby informed that, our clients have proposed to purchase schedule property with its present owners **MR. DOLPHIE JOHN LOBO AND MRS.CYNTHIA LOBO** Person/s, Financial Institution/s, Bank objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, share, title and interest in the Schedule property may lodge their objections/claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **One Week** from this day of publication and any objection/claims received thereafter will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed with purchase in respect of the below mentioned Schedule property as if there are no claims/objections.

**-:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:-**

All that piece and parcel of an Immovable property bearing Plot bearing A-7, Plan Approved by Town Municipal Council Yelahanka in pursuance of Resolution No.3(1), dated 05-10-1993) of Yelahanka Town Municipal Khatha No.118, Situated at **Ananthapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** with an extent of 4800 Sq.ft. and bounded on the **East by: Jakaranda Street and measuring on that side 80 feet, on the West by: Private Property (Plot No.A-4) and measuring on that side 80 feet, on the North by: Private Property (Plot No.A-8) and measuring on that side 60 feet, on the South by: Private Property (Plot No.A-6)** and measuring on that side 60 feet, The Schedule property is comprised of a 10 X 10 building with A.C Sheet Roof constructed with brick and mud wall.

**V.S.Rai & Associates, LAW FIRM**
No.23,"Venkatadri" 6th Main,
5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27.
Mob: 98441 55041, 080-22223949

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## SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

**Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/84/2022**
**Dated : 30-09-2022**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work:

| Name of the Work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| **(I)** Provision of Lighting arrangements to ROB LC 227 km 380/3-4 between Byadgi - Haveri, LC No. 243 km 400/7-8 between Haveri - Karajgi and LC 275 km 453/5-6 between Kundagol - Hubballi Station in Hubballi - Chickjajur Section. **(II)** Electrical and lighting arrangement for proposed ROB in LC No. 52 in between Birur - Talaguppa Section. **(III)** Electrification and lighting arrangements for proposed Foot Over Bridge in Mayakonda and Tholahunse Railway Station in Chickjajur - Hubballi Section. **(Tender No. ECN-34-2022-RT)** | **Rs. 54,39,416/-** |

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 27-10-2022**

**For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in**
Keep visiting the website for any corrigendum till closing date

**Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction)**
**Bengaluru Cantonment**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **MS. MUDDIREDDY HIRANYA REDDY**, D/o. Mr. Muddireddy Ramana Reddy, residing at Plot No.176/A/E, M L A Colony Road, No.12, Banjara Hills, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana-500034, is intended & agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from **MR. R. RAVI KUMAR,** S/o. Mr. Ramanna, aged about 52 years, residing at 1st Main, Vinayakanagar, Bagalur Cross, IAF Post, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560063. Any person/s asserting any rights, title, interest or claims in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner, against the owner or having any objections over the Schedule Property should write to the under signed within **FIFTEEN days** of the issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regards to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period our clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the Purchase of the Schedule Property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All the piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **Site No.36,** BBMP Katha No.36/3/36, Assessment No.3, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.1 (Kempegowda), situated at **Venkatala Village,** Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Previously Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West **29 Feet,** North to South **40 Feet** & totally admeasuring **1160 Square Feet,** along with building measuring 560 Square Feet with RCC Roof, Red Oxide Flooring, Jungle Wood Doors & Windows & bounded on:-
**East By : Road; West By : Site No.35; North By : Private Property; South By : Site No.29.**

**Murthy. J**
**M.J. Law Associates, Advocates,**
No.2, First Floor, Chickkanna Complex, Kattigenahalli Bus Stop, Bangalore-64.
Mob No. : 9901900508.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Sri. N.NARAYANASWAMY**,S/o Late Nanjappa, R/at 960, Geethanjali Layout, HAL II Stage, Bangalore - 560075. And also R/at Gangarakaluve Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District., hereby revoke the General Power of Attorney with immediate effect by issued legal notice on 06.10.2022, the executed a Registered General Power of Attorney on.16.05.2005, registered as Document No. YAN-4-00046-2005-06, of Book 4, Stored in C.D.No. YAND 128, Registered on 18.04.2005, Registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore, in favour of **M/s. VARALAKSHMI ENTERPRISES,** At 652, 11th Main, HAL II Stage, Bangalore-560038, Represented by its Managing Partner MR.K.Sudhakara Reddy, in respect of (I). Vacant House Property bearing No.10, 11A, 11B, 12A, and 12B all put together measuring East to West-(55 Ft + 54 ft)/2 and North to South - (55 ft+ 76ft) 2 totally measuring 3569.9 Sq Ft, and (II). Vacant House Property bearing No.40 and 41 all put together measuring East to West - (40 Ft + 41.9 ft)/2 and North to South - 60 Ft totally measuring 2452.5, both Property are formed part of larger property bearing No.13/1, situated at **Kogilu Village, City Municipal Council, Yelahanka, Ward No 18, Bangalore, presently BBMP, Yelahanka ward No.1, Bangalore.** If any transaction is made by anybody with him, my client is not responsible for the same.

**B. RAVINDRANATH, Advocate**
**M/s. LEXAXIS, Advocates & Legal Consultants**
**No.15, "Namma Mane" 3rd Cross, Chowdaiah Block, R.T.Nagar, Banagalore-560032,**
M: 9886897828, Email:1975ravindra@gmail.com

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## Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department

**Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Bangalore Rural, Beerasandra, Devanahalli Taluk, E-mail: eerdwsd.bngr1@gmail.com. Phone: 080-29787463, Mobile: 94483 67736**

**No.EE/RDW@SD/Brl/TP/Tender/2022-23/1143**
**Dated: 06-10-2022**

**Short Term Tender Notification No.20/2022-23/ 1100 / Date: 06-10-2022**

Tenders are invited on behalf of Governor of Karnataka according to KTTP Act 2000 through E-procurement Portal for the works under 2022-23, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) **MVS Scheme at Doddaballapura Taluk in Bangalore Rural District** under DBOT Type, Application & EMD Payment to be done through E-Procurement Portal.

**General Conditions: (1)** Contractor has to upload the Documents through online only **(2)** All qualifying documents has to be attached.

**(1)** Tender Schedule can be downloaded from website: **After 12:00 p.m.** from **30-09-2022 (2)** Pre-bid meeting on **13-10-2022 at 11:00 a.m.** (at Office of the Chief Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru). **(3)** Last Date for tender uploading: on **02-11-2022 upto 4:00 p.m. (4)** Date of opening of Tender/Technical Bid: on **03-11-2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

More details can be taken from the office of the undersigned and also through **http://eproc.karnataka.in**

**Sd/- (S. M. Subhan Saheb)**
**Executive Engineer**
DIPR/CP/RO2529/AAPL/2022-23 **RDW&S Division, Bangalore Rural.**

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Government of India
**Department of Atomic Energy**
**Bhabha Atomic Research Centre**
150 YEARS OF CELEBRATING THE MAHATMA

Post Bag No. 1. Yelwal, Mysore 571 130 **Ph: 0821-240 6201 Fax; 0821-240 3064.**

**BRIEF NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The Superintending Engineer, BARC, Mysore invites on behalf of the president of India, Sealed item rate tenders from approved and eligible contractors having experience in works of 'Similar Nature' for the following work:

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| **Tender reference No.** | **BARC/RMP/AMD/PM/WT/2022/03** |
| **Name of work** | Unloading, Unpacking, Manual cleaning, loading on to forklift/truck, delivering cleaned components to assembly workstation. |
| **Estimated Cost** | **₹ 2,50,000/-** (Rupees Two lakh Fifty thousand only) |
| **Earnest Money** | **₹ 5000/-( Rupees Five Thousand only** |
| **Period of Completion** | **03 Months** |
| **Security Deposit** | 2.5% of tendered value |
| **Performance Guarantee** | 3.0% of tendered value |
| **Cost of Tender Document** | **₹ 500/- Only (Non-Refundable)** |
| **Tender Sale Period** | **From 06/10/2022,11:00 Hrs to 14/10/2022, 16:00 Hrs** |
| **Due date & time for submission of Tender** | **21/10/2022 at 15:00 Hrs** |
| **Date & time of opening of Tender** | **21/10/2022 at 15:30 Hrs** |
| **Place of Tender Submission** | **Tender Box having identification No. 3 at Building No.2.** |
| **Place of Tender opening** | O/o Pay and Accounts Officer, BARC, Building No. 2 |
| **Contact Nos.** | **Head of Division/EIC: 0821-2406584 /2406722 /6759 , Office : 0821 - 2406721** |
| **Eligibility criteria** | Satisfactorily completed at least three similar works each costing Rs1,00,000/- (40%), or two similar works each costing Rs1,50,000/- (60%) or one similar work costing Rs2,00,000/- (80%) of the estimated cost of tender, during the last 05 years ending on last day of month previous to one in which tender sales starts. |

1. Tender documents will be issued only in person and will not be issued by post or courier. A complete set of Tender documents in English will be issued against written request by authorized signatory on company letter head and as approved by Project Manager, AMD or Engineer-In-Charge. Prospective bidder or his authorized representative shall bring photo identification like Passport, Voter's Identity Card, Driving License, Identity Card issued by the employer for entry into BARC premises for purchase of tender documents as well as their submission. Prior confirmation on phone (0821- 240 6545, 0821-240 6201) shall have to be taken by the bidder so as to arrange entry to BARC and review of documents.
2. Tender documents can be obtained on working days from the Pay and Accounts Officer, RMP, BARC, Yelwal, Mysore –571 130. Tender cost shall be paid in cash at Cash counter. Tender cost is non-refundable.
3. After examining the documents with regard to completed works, annual turnover, proof of work executed, project resources etc, blank tender documents will be issued only to the firm prima-facie found competent to carry out the tendered job.

**Superintending Engineer,**
**Bhabha Atomic Research Centre**
For & on behalf of the President of India

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## Revised Timings of Jasidih-SMVT Bengaluru-Jasidih Weekly Express at some stations

The stoppage timings of **22306/22305** Jasidih-SMVT Bengaluru-Jasidih Weekly Express at Perambur, Katpadi & Jolarpettai over Southern Railway has been revised as per following details: **(1) 22306** Jasidih-SMVT Bengaluru Weekly Express [With effect from (JCO) 07.10.2022]– Jolarpettai: **Arr. 17.50 hrs.** & **Dep. 17.55 hrs. (2) 22305** SMVT Bengaluru-Jasidih Weekly Express [With effect from (JCO) 09.10.2022]– Jolarpettai: **Arr. 12.35 hrs.** & **Dep. 12.50 hrs.;** Katpadi: **Arr. 14.00 hrs.** & **Dep. 14.05 hrs.** and Perambur: **Arr. 15.35 hrs.** & **Dep. 15.40 hrs.** The arrival timing of **22306** Jasidih-SMVT Bengaluru Weekly Express [With effect from (JCO) 07.10.2022] at SMVT Bengaluru has also been revised and the train will **arrive at 20.15 hrs.**

**Chief Passenger Transportation Manager**
**EASTERN RAILWAY**
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## SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

**E-Tender Notice No. Y/E.29/2022-23/21**
**Dated : 30-09-2022**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders the following work :

| Name of the Work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| Electrical piece work (Zonal Work) for SSE/E/Mysuru Jurisdiction for a period of one year. | **Rs. 25,00,000/-** |

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 21-10-2022**

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**Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer**
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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**
**(ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**
**PROBATE C.P. No. 12 of 2022**
**[IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF LATE DR. SUBATHRA SESHADRI, WIDOW OF LATE C.K. SHESHADRI)**
**BETWEEN: 1) RAMAKRISHNA MATH**
No.113, Swami Vivekananda Rd, Murphy Town, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008. Represented by the Adhyaksha Swami Amruthananda.
**2) G.D. BALAKRISHNAN,** S/o G.B. Dandapani, Aged about 46 years, R/at No.6171, 17th Floor, Tower 6, Prestige Bagamane Temple Bells, 43rd Main Road, Jawaregowda Nagar, R.R. Nagar, Bangalore-560098. **...PETITIONER**
**AND: NIL ...RESPONDENT**

WHEREAS, 1) Ramakrishna Math and 2) G.D. Balakrishnan, the Petitioners in the above matter, have made a Petition under Section 222, 276 and Chapter IV of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 read with Rule 5 of the Rules governing Probate & Administration Matters, 1964 for grant of Probate of a will annexed to their Petition, said to have been executed by deceased Dr. Subathra Seshadri, widow of late Sri C.K. Sheshadri, last resided at #246, 5th Cross, RMV Stage 2, Block II, Near Ramaiah Hospital, Sanjayanagara RMV Extension II Stage, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560094.

Be it known that no caveat has been entered and that the said petition is posted for hearing on the **28/10/2022,** and all persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the Deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of Probate.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this the 20th day of September, 2022.

**By Order of the Hon'ble Court, Asst. Registrar**
**High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru**

Advocate for Petitioners
**K.S. PONNAPPA**
**Tlaw Chambers,**
New No.304, 'A' Block, St Patricks Complex, Brigade Road, Bangalore-560025.

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**Government Of Karnataka**
**Deputy Commissioner Office, Koppal**
**District Urban Development Cell District: Koppal**
**State: Karnataka** Office Ph : 08539-221895 Fax No : 08539-221235 **e-mail : itstaff_dudc_koppal@yahoo.com**

**Ref. No: 83179/(KOP-DC-11/57/2022-PD(DUDC)_KOPDC-KOPPAL DC) Date: 30-09-2022**

**SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**E-Procurement**

The Executive Engineer, Koppal District, Koppal invites tenders from Class–II and above Contractors who are eligible for, Chief Ministers Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Scheme in Town Municipal Council Kustagi and Karatagi Urban Local Bodies limit & Construction of Commercial building at TP Kukanur town limit, Koppal District of Karnataka State under Chief Ministers Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Scheme, SFC Special Grant, SFC Untied, 14th Finance Commission and Enterprises Fund Scheme as per Price Schedule listed in E-Procurement Portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. **Brief Description:** 1. TMC Kushtagi Indent No:DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT132921(Call-2). **Approximate value of work (Rs. In Lakhs):** 498.77. **EMD (in Rupees):** 748155.00. **Period of Completion (Months):** 11 Months 2.TMC Karatagi Indent No: DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT132840(Call-2). **Approximate value of work (Rs. In Lakhs):** 375.68. **EMD (in Rupees):** 563520.00. **Period of Completion (Months):** 11 Months 3.Kukanoor TP. Indent No:DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT133319(Call-2). **Approximate value of work (Rs. In Lakhs):** 203.17. **EMD (in Rupees):** 304755.00. **Period of Completion (Months):** 11 Months 1.Available of Tender Forms (Through Online): **01-10-2022 Morning 10:00 AM.** 2.Date of Pre-Bid Meeting and Quaries: **11-10-2022 Morning 11:30AM.** 3.Last Date for Submission of Tender: **15-10-2022 Evening 5:30PM.** 4.Date of opening Tenders **(Technical Bid): 18-10-2022 Morning 10:00 am.**

**Sd/-Executive Engineer, DUDC, Koppal District**
**DIPR/Koppal/355/MCA/2022-23**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Sri. N.NARAYANASWAMY**,S/o Late Nanjappa, R/at 960, Geethanjali Layout, HAL II Stage, Bangalore - 560075. And also R/at Gangarakaluve Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District., hereby revoke the General Power of Attorney with immediate effect by issued legal notice on 06.10.2022, the executed a Registered General Power of Attorney on.16.05.2005, registered as Document No. YAN-4-00046-2005-06, of Book 4, Stored in C.D.No. YAND 128, Registered on 18.04.2005, Registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore, in favour of **M/s. VARALAKSHMI ENTERPRISES,** At 652, 11th Main, HAL II Stage, Bangalore-560038, Represented by its Managing Partner MR.K.Sudhakara Reddy, in respect of (I). Vacant House Property bearing No.10, 11A, 11B, 12A, and 12B all put together measuring East to West-(55 Ft + 54 ft)/2 and North to South - (55 ft+ 76ft) 2 totally measuring 3569.9 Sq Ft, and (II). Vacant House Property bearing No.40 and 41 all put together measuring East to West - (40 Ft + 41.9 ft)/2 and North to South - 60 Ft totally measuring 2452.5, both Property are formed part of larger property bearing No.13/1, situated at **Kogilu Village, City Municipal Council, Yelahanka, Ward No 18, Bangalore, presently BBMP, Yelahanka ward No.1, Bangalore.** If any transaction is made by anybody with him, my client is not responsible for the same.

**B. RAVINDRANATH, Advocate**
**M/s. LEXAXIS, Advocates & Legal Consultants**
**No.15, "Namma Mane" 3rd Cross, Chowdaiah Block, R.T.Nagar, Banagalore-560032,**
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## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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**BRIEF NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

1. On behalf of the President of India, online item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering mode for the following works:

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| **Name of work** | 1. Modification Works to establish Dining Hall Facility at First Floor of LCC Building in Campus-2 of MCF Hassan (Civil, PH & Electrical Works).<br>2. Internal-External Painting, Cleaning & Protective coating works of Structural Glazing in Auditiorium Building, MCF Hassan.<br>3. PU based water proofing works on roof of Auditorium Building at MCF Hassan.<br>4. Providing Lift in the LCC Building at Campus-2 of MCF Hassan along with associated Civil & Electrical Works. |
| **NIT No.** | 1. MCF/CMG/H/eTN-18/2022-23/1-1201 Dtd. 04.10.2022<br>2. MCF/CMG/H/eTN-19/2022-23/1-1198 Dtd. 04.10.2022<br>3. MCF/CMG/H/eTN-22/2022-23/1-1199 Dtd. 04.10.2022<br>4. MCF/CMG/H/eTN-23/2022-23/2-1015 Dtd. 04.10.2022 |
| **Estimated Cost (Rs.)** | 1. Rs. 21,31,409/-<br>2. Rs. 12,67,776/-<br>3. Rs. 9,45,508/-<br>4. Rs. 20,87,211/- |
| **EMD (Rs.)** | 1. Rs. 42,628/-<br>2. Rs. 25,355/-<br>3. Rs. 18,910/-<br>4. Rs. 41,744/- |
| **Period of Completion** | 1. 02 Months<br>2. 01 Month<br>3. 01 Month<br>4. 03 Months |
| Period during which the tender document can be downloaded | **From 04.10.2022 10.00 Hrs to 11.10.2022 11.00 Hrs.** |
| Period for Bid clarifications | **From 04.10.2022 10.01 Hrs to 11.10.2022 13.00

## INBRIEF

### Three arrested for smuggling sandalwood out of city

The Bagalagunte police on Thursday busted a sandalwood smuggling racket and arrested three people who were transporting 150 kilos of logs in a car. The accused who are habitual offenders had chopped the trees in Nandini Layout and RMC Yard police station limits recently and were carrying the logs out of the city, according to the police,

A team of police, led by Sandeep Kouri, analysed hundreds of CCTV camera footage and finally intercepted the accused at Peenya toll booth. The accused have been taken into custody to ascertain their criminal background.

### Food delivery executive robbed by three persons

A group of three persons allegedly robbed a 28-year-old food delivery executive and escaped with his mobile phone and wallet in Vivek Nagar early on Monday .

According to the police, Hajirul Islam, from Assam, was working for a door delivery platform for the last one year and living with his friends at a rented house in Ejipura. He was heading towards Srivagilu, when three men on a bike intercepted him and snatched his bike key, said the police.

Mr. Islam tried to reason with them, but the trio searched his pockets and escaped with the phone worth ₹14,000 and a wallet.

**Text & Context**

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 7, Friday), the following explainer is available:

- Is it time for the gig economy?
**bit.ly/gigeconomyexplained**

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access this article. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access the article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

# Tired of waiting for officials, residents use crowdfunding to repair Brookefield Road

Citizens allege that the same stretch had been dug up at least 12 times by multiple civic agencies since June 2021, when it was asphalted by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

**Jahnavi T.R.**
BENGALURU

Tired of not getting quick responses to their problems by civic authorities, residents of Brookefield Layout have taken the matter into their own hands to fix dug-up patches of road in their locality through crowdfunding.

The residents alleged that the same stretch of Brookefield Road had been dug up at least 12 times by multiple civic agencies since June 2021, when it was asphalted by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

The Brookefield Layout Residents' Association restored the road in their locality which was dug up by Bescom in July.

**Multiple works**

"After a lot of persuasion, the road was asphalted back then. A few weeks later, one of the civic agencies dug it up for some work. Bescom also dug the road up a couple of times for underground cabling and a few repair works. BWSSB has also dug up the road for Cauvery water pipe repair work. Most of the times, these agencies do not close up the roads which is why, we asphalt it ourselves with crowdsourced money," said Kaustubh Shantanu of Brookefield Layout Residents' Association.

He added that at an expense of ₹10 lakh, the association also got a cable duct constructed at the entrance of the layout as a future extendable solution.

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>
> **KAUSTUBH SHANTANU,** Brookefield Layout Residents' Association

> If the lines are broken or if power supply is shut down, then they [civic agencies] dig up roads immediately for restoration. Then they do not necessarily take our permission
>
> **BBMP OFFICIAL,** Mahadevapura zone

The association members also said that they once received a reimbursement of ₹20,000 from Bescom after spending ₹60,000 on repairing the road which was dug up by them.

he residents said that there was a clear lack of coordination among the civic agencies which resulted in the dozen times it was dug.

A BBMP official of the Mahadevapura zone said that even though the permission of the civic body should be sought before digging up roads, sometimes other civic agencies, like Bescom, dig them up without seeking the nod.

"If the lines are broken or if power supply is shut down, then they dig up roads immediately for restoration. During those times, they do not necessarily take our permission," they said.

Earlier in July, the BBMP Chief Civic Commissioner had also said that digging of roads was not allowed for three months following the rains.

However, sources within the BBMP had said that several utilities had sought exemption and dug up roads.

The residents of Brookefield Layout have been crowdfunding since 2014 to build basic infrastructure in the locality. They say that approaching the authorities and getting the work done will consume a lot of time as it will require multiple follow-ups. Hence, they seek their help only for major civic issues.

## From Page One

### Nine booked for performing puja at madrasa

After the video of the puja went viral, a few people from the local Muslim community protested in front of the Town Police station demanding action. The protesters dispersed after Additional Superintendent of Police Mahesh Meghannanavar and circle inspector of Police Sathish convinced them that appropriate action would be taken.

Following a complaint by one Syed Mubashir Ali later in the day, the Market police booked an FIR against Naresh Gauli, Prakash, Vinu, Manna, Sagar Banti, Jagadish Gauli, Arun Gauli, and Gorakh Gauli and another person. Asaduddin Owaisi, chief of All-India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, took to Twitter and hit out at the ruling BJP over the incident, sharing the video of the puja being performed, and tagging Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and the Bidar police.

### PSI recruitment scam: One more police officer held

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

**The accused, identified as Subramanya, attached to the K.R. Puram traffic station, was on the run ever since the scam came to light**

The Criminal Investigation Department, probing the PSI recruitment scam, arrested another police officer who played the role of a middleman.

The accused, Subramanya, attached to the K.R. Puram traffic station, was on the run ever since the scam came to light. However the CID officials tracked him down and arrested him from a town in north India.

Hailing from Kolar, Subramanya joined the service in 2016 and was working in the K.R. Puram station for three years.

He was close to the prime accused DySP Shanth Kumar and First Division Assistant Harsha from the recruitment wing.

Using his proximity he clinched a deal and played a role of the middleman between two candidates and Shanth Kumar and Harsha, CID officials said.

The accused has been produced before the court and taken into custody for 10 days to ascertain his exact role.

# Jayadeva satellite centre at K.C. General Hospital to be functional from today

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Cardiac emergencies requiring the golden hour treatment in Central Bengaluru can now avail timely treatment at the State-run K.C. General Hospital. A 50-bed satellite centre of the Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research (SJICSR), which was inaugurated on Thursday, will start functioning from Friday.

The compact cardiac centre, set up on an equip, operate, and manage (EOM) model, has 20 ICU beds and 30 general wards. Facilities such as ECHO, treadmill, ECG and a cath lab are also available.

SJICSR Director C.N. Manjunath said angiograms, angioplasties, and stenting procedures apart from master cardiac evaluation can be done at the centre.

Work on setting up the centre that was announced during former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's tenure was delayed owing to COVID-19. The project was fast-tracked and completed within a year at a cost of ₹15 crore.

While ₹8.7 crore has been given by the government, the remaining is through Jayadeva's internal resources, he said.

"The required equipment and manpower has also been provided by Jayadeva. However, any cardiac emergencies that come after 5 p.m. will be shifted to the main Jayadeva institute as we cannot maintain two parallel emergency teams," Dr. Manjunath explained.

A satellite centre of Jayadeva Hospital at K.C. General Hospital was inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday.

### 'AB-ArK should cover high-cost procedures'

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

C.N. Manjunath, Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, suggested that the government should also include complex procedures costing above ₹2 lakh under the Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK) health scheme.

"Although the total coverage is up to ₹5 lakh per family, many complex life-saving procedures or implants that cost above ₹2 lakh are not covered. This makes it inevitable for BPL patients to pay out of their pockets for such procedures," he asserted.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who inaugurated the Jayadeva satellite centre and a 50-bed paediatric ICU that will be run by the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health on Thursday, said six regional command centres that will provide 24/7 support through telemedicine specialists to community health centres will be set up soon.

### Yeshaswini scheme to be re-launched on Nov. 1

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced that the Yeshaswini health insurance scheme for farmers will be re-launched on November 1. It was earlier proposed to be re-launched on October 2.

Initially launched in 2003, Yeshaswini was one of the largest self-funded healthcare schemes.

# Home Minister's intervention sought for safety of pedestrians and cyclists

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Former Minister and Rajajinagar BJP MLA S. Suresh Kumar sought the Home Minister's intervention to resolve woes faced by pedestrians and cyclists on the city's roads.

Mr. Kumar, a bicycle enthusiast, in his letter to Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, a copy of which is available with *The Hindu*, has sought deployment of dedicated officers to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists in all traffic zones in the city.

"The free left turn and right turn at many prominent junctions across the city, has only meant a continuous movement of vehicles making it difficult for women, schoolchildren, and senior citizens to cross the roads. Motorists seem to be the focus of road safety and traffic management, even as pedestrians and cyclists are being neglected," he said in the letter.

S. Suresh Kumar, MLA, with Home Minister Araga Jnanendra in Bengaluru on Thursday.

**Pending demand**

Satya Shankaran, bicycle mayor of the city, said this had been a pending demand from cyclists and pedestrians in the city. "Construction of good footpaths in the CBD area is not enough. We need proper planning across the city, pedestrians and cyclists have to be a priority and traffic police need to book cases and take stringent action against violators," he said.

Acknowledging the lacuna, a senior traffic police official said that considering the present road design engineering and the growing number of vehicles, every other road user was at risk in the city.

"We have tried taking several measures like setting up bicycle lanes, elevated footpaths, pelican signals among others. But due to lack of awareness and lack of discipline, these measures have come to a naught," he said.

B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, Joint Commissioner (Traffic), Bengaluru, said they will consider the suggestion to post a dedicated officer in each zone.

He also said that while he did not see how free right turns were posing a problem, he admitted free left turns may have become a hurdle for pedestrians.

"We cannot let go of free left turns altogether. But we can stop them for some time in the signal cycle to let pedestrians cross the road," he said.

He also added that the Bengaluru Traffic Police had taken up a campaign for lane discipline to ensure safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

### Rice bags meant for PDS seized

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Officials of the Food and Civil Supplies Department recently seized 34 bags of PDS rice being transported in a goods autorickshaw on Yelahanka service road.

Based on a tip-off, a police team intercepted the vehicle near the cyber crime police station. The driver abandoned the vehicle and escaped.

The officials found 34 sacks of rice meant for the Annabhagya scheme. The vehicle has been handed over to Yelahanka police.

**Timings**
**BENGALURU**

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| **FRIDAY, OCT. 07** | | |
| RISE | 06:09 | SET 18:06 |
| RISE | 16:31 | SET 03:41 |
| **SATURDAY, OCT. 08** | | |
| RISE | 06:09 | SET 18:05 |
| RISE | 17:13 | SET 04:36 |
| **SUNDAY, OCT. 09** | | |
| RISE | 06:09 | SET 18:04 |
| RISE | 17:53 | SET 05:30 |

| Bengaluru Weather | max | min |
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| Tumakuru | 30 | 24 |
| Mysuru | 31 | 21 |
| Bengaluru | 27 | 21 |

**Bengaluru Today**
**28°C** The weather will be comfortable but humid.Night will be pleasant. Spell of rain and thundershower will occur.

**Bengaluru Tomorrow**
**27°C** A comfortable but humid weather to continue. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

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**(A Government of KarnatakaEnterprises) O/O Executive Engineer PWD Division, Hosapete, Dist:-Vijayanagara Phone:08399-240143**

**No:EE/PWD/Dn/Hosapete/TND/2022-23/ 1119** **Date:** 03.10.2022

**Short Term E-Tender Notification**

Tenders are invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara Dist, for the work notified in the statement below. The bid shall be in Two Cover system namely technical bid and financial bid through Electronic system containing details of EMD through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

| Sl. No | Work Indent No | Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs) | Sl. No | Work Indent No | Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs) |
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| **THIS WORKS IS RESERVE FOR ST CATOGERY** | | | | | |
| 1 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT156281 | 42.00 | | | |
| **GENERAL WORKS** | | | | | |
| 2 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT157367 | 150.00 | 11 | KPWD/2021-22/BD/WORK_INDENT151206 | 100.00 |
| 3 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT155649 | 199.00 | 12 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT155559 | 800.00 |
| 4 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT153183 | 117.55 | 13 | KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT153012 | 135 |
| 5 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT153145 | 225.00 | 14 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT156289 | 90.20 |
| 6 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT155793 | 190.01 | 15 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT156290 | 23.75 |
| 7 | KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT154947 | 270.55 | 16 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT156283 | 26.80 |
| 8 | KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT154946 | 369.55 | 17 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT156282 | 39.00 |
| 9 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT156287 | 250.00 | 18 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT156280 | 70.00 |
| 10 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT156288 | 293.00 | 19 | KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT156291 | 55.00 |

1. Quarries of Tender On: **As Per E-procurement Portal.** 2. Last Date of Tender Submission On: **21/10/2022 @ 16.00 Hours.** 3. Tender Opening date On: **25/10/2022 @ 11.00 Hours.** 4. Financial Bid Opening Date: **As Per E-procurement Portal.**

**Note:** 1.Any Changes Either in Tender date or any other condition , Tenderers can view in E-procurement Portal.

**DIPR/Hospet/172/MCA/2022-23** **Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara District.**

A still from the film *I Know What You Did Last Summer.* WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

IN THE LIMELIGHT

# Serial killers in films: a bloody slash at entertainment

From the sacred to the profane, a look at the history and different factors that contribute to the endless fascination for these compulsive murderers in novels as well as films; with all serial killers having catchy names

**Mini Anthikad Chhibber**

Watching the morally ambiguous *Dahmer – Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story* brings back the question of our fascination with serial killers. Jack the Ripper, the killer supposedly responsible for a series of brutal murders in the East End of London in 1888, hit the nail on the head (apart from the unfortunates he ripped apart) with his apocryphal quote of giving "birth to the 20th century" in his 'From Hell' letter.

The murders coincided with the mass production of newspapers and there is a theory that the letter signed "Jack the Ripper" was coined by a journalist to boost circulation – some things never change. And thus the tradition of a catchy name for a serial killer was born. The fact that the murders were not solved has kept the legend alive spawning a whole industry of books, television shows, movies and walking tours.

**Foggy beginnings**

One of Alfred Hitchcock's first films, *The Lodger: A Story of the London Fog* (1927) is based on Marie Belloc Lowndes's 1913 novel, *The Lodger*, inspired by Jack the Ripper. A critical and commercial success, *The Lodger* set the template for the Master of Suspense's future works.

Hitchcock returned to the serial killer cinema with the celebrated *Psycho* (1960) and his penultimate film, the under-regarded *Frenzy* (1972). *Psycho* is based on Robert Bloch's eponymous 1959 novel, in turn inspired by the heinous crimes of the 'Plainfield Ghoul', a serial killer Ed Gein.

**Inspired casting**

Though in the novel, Norman Bates, the murderous proprietor of the Bates Motel, is not very attractive, by casting Anthony Perkins as Bates, Hitchcock indulged in an inspired bit of counter-casting. The audience's sympathy is all for the young man, who is being nagged by his scary mum. And that made the final fruit cellar revelation much more shocking apart from the fact that the star, Janet Leigh, dies early on in the film in the celebrated shower scene.

Bernard Herrmann's soundtrack with the jangling shriek of string instruments (appropriately called 'Murder'), the close-ups and extreme close ups, the razor sharp cuts and the final drain-to-eye dissolve, made the scene one of the most iconic three minutes in the film.

**Scream queen**

*Psycho* is also considered as laying the template for all slasher films to follow. Incidentally Leigh's daughter, Jamie Lee Curtis, made her debut fighting yet another iconic serial killer, Michael Myers, in John Carpenter's *Halloween* (1978). Curtis played the babysitter Laurie Strode, targeted by Myers in his expressionless mask. Curtis is still playing Strode, in the 13th instalment of the franchise, *Halloween Ends*, which is releasing soon.

While slasher films are mainly about sex, sadism and savagery, there are also the puzzle-kind of movie, where law enforcement officers have to solve the elaborate clues laid out by the killer to save the last victim. This is a variation of the Final Girl theme, where the good, virtuous girl screams and is saved while the naughty girls are all sliced and diced in a variety of interesting ways.

The puzzle-kind of serial killer movie offered double the thrill as the hunter was also being hunted.

**Famous five**

*The Silence of the Lambs* (1991) changed things around once again for the slasher flick. By winning all the five major Oscars: Best Picture, Best Director (Jonathan Demme), Best Actor (Anthony Hopkins), Best Actress (Jodie Foster), and Best Adapted Screenplay (Ted Tally), the film added a patina of respectability to the hunt for serial killers.

An adaptation of Thomas Harris's 1988 novel, *The Silence of the Lambs*, features not one, but two serial killers. There is Buffalo Bill (catchy name alert), who skins his female victims in order to make himself a new skin and Dr. Hannibal Lecter (Hopkins), a psychiatrist and incarcerated cannibalistic serial killer.

Hannibal the Cannibal offers to help the rookie Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent, Clarice Starling (Jodie Foster) track down Buffalo Bill who has kidnapped a senator's daughter (the Final Girl). Incidentally, *The Silence of the Lambs* was released on February 14, 1991, i.e. Valentine's Day – must have been a fun date movie.

**Subversion galore**

Even as *The Silence of the Lambs* unleashed a flood of serious serial killer movies, invariably featuring a tortured, traumatised and driven detective, and increasingly complicated clues, there was Wes Craven's *Scream* (1996), featuring killers subverting the rules of the genre. There was *I Know What You Did Last Summer* (1997) with young people being killed off by yet another masked serial killer.

The *Scream* franchise is going strong with the fifth instalment coming out early this year and a sixth in the works. *I Know What You Did Last Summer* has been turned into a rather uninvolving streaming series.

Hindi cinema has had its share of serial killers from Vidhu Vinod Chopra's *Khamosh* (1985) with a killer loose on a film set and Anurag Kashyap's beyond disturbing *Raman Raghav 2.0 (2016)* to R. Balki's vaguely pretentious *Chup: Revenge of the Artist* about a serial killer targeting film critics running in a theatre near you.

There are good, bad and ugly (all horrid torture films come in this category) serial killer films and now even streaming shows project the serial killer genre. Presenting as they do a heady cocktail of danger and a path forged by rebels and outliers, they perhaps offer a chance for us to metaphorically walk on the wild side before returning quickly to the quiet comforts of home.

THE DAILY QUIZ

## A quiz on master filmmaker Hrishikesh Mukherjee whose birth centenary was celebrated on September 30.

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

**QUESTION 1**
Hrishikesh Mukherjee, popularly known as Hrishida, made 42 films in a career spanning four decades after debuting with 'Musafir'. The film is notable for one of the actors turning a singer for the only time in his career. Name the actor and song.

**QUESTION 2**
What was Hrishida's contribution to the Bimal Roy classics 'Do Bigha Zameen', 'Madhumati', 'Devdas', and Ramu Kariat's masterpiece 'Chemmeen'?

**QUESTION 3**
When one of his best friends suddenly fell seriously ill, Hrishida wrote a story based on him and wanted the friend to play the lead role saying he was old for the role. But his friend turned down the offer. Hrishida, however, dedicated the much-loved classic to his pal. Name the friend and the film.

**QUESTION 4**
In which evergreen flicks do we meet Pyaaremohan Allahabadi, Subir Kumar, Isabhai Suratwala, and "Lucky" Dashrathprasad Sharma?

**QUESTION 5**
Amitabh Bachchan, who did no less than 10 films with the legend, 'spoke' the credits for which film that starred his wife and a leading actor of that time in the main roles?

**QUESTION 6**
In 'Guddi', Jaya Bhaduri, who has a crush on Dharmendra, takes his autograph on the film booklet of a 1966 film starring the latter and made by Hrishida. Name the film that both Dharmendra and Hrishida considered one of their best.

**Visual question:**
This Hrishida creation marked the final film appearance of Guru Dutt, who died later in the year of the film's release. Name the flick.

**Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:** 1. Name the youngest recipient to date to have received the prize. **Ans: Rudyard Kipling**
2. He is one of the two people who declined the Prize. Name the winner. **Ans: Jean-Paul Sartre**
3. This book chronicles the decline of a wealthy German merchant family. Name the book and the author. **Ans: Buddenbrooks; Thomas Mann**
4. Name the author people believed should have been awarded the first Nobel Prize in literature. **Ans: Leo Tolstoy**
5. Name the author was the oldest person ever to receive the Prize in Literature. **Ans: Doris Lessing**
6. Name the other ceiling Toni Morrison broke upon winning the Prize. **Ans: She became the first black woman of any nationality to win the Prize**
7. Name the author whose Nobel lecture was called 'The Solitude of Latin America'. **Ans: Gabriel García Márquez**
Visual: Name the author and his novel that concerns the absurdity of life. **Ans: Albert Camus; The Stranger/The Outsider**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

## *Know your English*

"What are you reading, sir?"

"This is a letter from a reader, Mr. A.E. Subramanyam of Madras, who refers to what was published in this column on May 14, 1985 and asks why I didn't correct the expression 'last evening'. He says it should have been 'yesterday evening'. He is absolutely correct. I must have dozed off. You can say 'last night, last month, last Saturday, last Monday, last year'. But you don't say 'last morning, last evening, last afternoon'. It is a matter of usage. You must say 'yesterday evening, yesterday morning, yesterday afternoon'."

"What's the difference between 'freedom' and 'liberty' sir?"

" 'Freedom' is both a quality and a condition. 'Liberty' is only a condition. When you can act as you wish without any restraint, you are said to enjoy freedom. Freedom is a state where you are free; liberty is absence of any restraint.

*When someone is set at liberty, he is freed from restrictions.*

In several contexts, 'freedom' and 'liberty' are interchangeable; freedom of speech or liberty of speech, freedom of the press or liberty of the press and so on. Freedom has more positive connotations than liberty.

*The Prime Minister was given the freedom of the city.*

'Liberty' is not used in this context. You speak of the 'freedom of the countryside', not the 'liberty of the countryside'.

'I was given the freedom of his house' means I was allowed to use his house as if it were my own. Here again you can't use 'liberty'. 'To take liberties' means to be a little too free or familiar in action or speech.

*He gives freedom to others but you can't take liberties with him.*

You can talk about 'freedom from want' but not 'liberty from want'. Also we talk about 'freedom fighters' and not 'liberty fighters'."

"What is the meaning of 'throw out the baby with the bath water', sir?"

"When you give a bath to the baby, you finally throw out the dirty bath water. It would be awful if you threw out the baby also along with the water. When you reject something very important along with the unimportant, you are said to *throw out the baby with the bath water*. Industrial pollution is bad. But if you say that industries should be eliminated to get rid of industrial pollution, it would be like throwing the baby out along with the bath water.

Well, let's stop here. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

## Word of the day

**Interminable:** tiresomely long

Synonyms: eternity, endlessness

Usage:
*Some articles have given rise to apparently interminable discussions on the Internet*

**Pronunciation:** bit.ly/3e7TJTd

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# ED files prosecution complaint against Ajmera Group

Investigation revealed that the accused opened the said partnership firm and accepted deposits from the public, without obtaining any licence or required permission and without registering the business entity as an NBFC

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday filed a prosecution complaint against Ajmera Group members in a money laundering case .

The complaint before the Principal City Civil and Sessions and Special Court alleged that the accused in the case, identified as Tabrej Pasha, Abdul Dastagir, Syed Muthaheer, and Fairoz Khan, collected huge amount of deposits from

The ED initiated an investigation on the basis of an FIR in April 2018. PTI

investors promising high returns and cheated them.

The money collected had been used for purchasing movable and immovable property and other investments amounting to money laundering, said officials.

**2018 FIR**

The ED initiated a money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR registered in April 2018 at the Jayanagar police station, in which the Central Crime Branch had filed a chargesheet against the accused subsequently.

Investigation by ED revealed that Tabrez Pasha and Abdul Dastagir opened the said partnership firm under the banner of Ajmera Group and accepted deposits from the public, without obtaining any licence or required permission from the respective authorities and without registering the business entity as an NBFC.

Allegedly with a fraudulent intention to cheat the public, Ajmera Groups illegally collected funds/deposits from numerous investors to the tune of ₹256.06 crore with a promise of an exorbitant rate of interest on the investments, said officials. Though the accused have returned ₹183.9 crore, they failed to return ₹72.9 crore to the investors and thus cheated the public, ED alleged.

The accused allegedly siphoned off and diverted money of the investors for themselves and their accomplices.

Earlier in the case, movable and immovable properties worth ₹8.41 crore were provisionally attached by ED. Further investigation into the matter is under progress.

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# Transport Department issues notices to Ola, Uber, Rapido for charging exorbitant fares for auto rides

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Following complaints from the public that aggregators are charging a minimum of ₹100 for auto rides, the Transport Department has issued notices to Ola, Uber, and Rapido.

Transport Commissioner T.H.M. Kumar told *The Hindu* thaté notices were served on Thursday seeking an explanation.

"At present, the issue of the aggregators' rules is pending before the High Court. These aggregators

Transport Commissioner T.H.M. Kumar said the notices were served seeking an explanation. REUTERS

are taking advantage of the situation and fleecing passengers. Here the drivers are not at fault. Notices have been issued against aggregators as they are charging fare in violation of rules," said the Commissioner.

Last year, the authorities fixed ₹30 as basic fare (for the first two kilometres) and ₹15 for subsequent kilometres. Off late, the aggregators flouted the rules by fixing their own fares.

For example, to travel from Infantry Road to Vidhana Soudha that has a distance of 2 to 2.5 km, Ola charges ₹113 (ride fare of ₹63 and access fee of ₹50), Uber ₹107, and the Rapido app shows ₹78 as the fare.

The Rapido app shows ₹55 up to 3.5 km and ₹16.5 km charged post 2 km. The fare shown by the Rapido is more than the fare fixed by the authorities.

Commuters have vented their ire against the aggregators.

Shashank R. said: "There are instances of aggregators charging ₹100 for a short distance travel of 1 to 1.5 km. They are fleecing the commuters and authorities are not taking any action".

# Two injured in group clash during Dasara procession

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Tension prevailed on the busy Magadi Road for some time when two groups, part of a local Dasara procession, clashed with each other over a trivial row at a bar on Wednesday.

Two persons sustained serious injuries while others escaped with minor injuries. Two of the injured, identified as Chethan Shetty and Somashekhar, have been admitted to a private hospital.

A complaint and a counter complaint have been filed with the Magadi Road and the Vijaynagar police stations.

The police have taken up a case and are looking for the accused, while security was stepped up at sensitive areas to monitor law and order.

# 'Namma Clinics will begin operations by December 15'

As many as 243 of the 438 clinics are being set up in BBMP limits.

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The 438 Namma Clinics (health and wellness centres) will become functional in Karnataka by December 15. As many as 243 of the 438 clinics are being set up in BBMP limits, Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar said here on Thursday.

Addressing pressperson after inspecting a model clinic in Mahalakshmipuram, the Minister said each clinic will have a doctor, a nurse, a lab technician, and a 'D' group employee.

"The process of appointing 160 doctors has been completed and the BBMP has issued a notification to appoint the remaining doctors for the BBMP Namma Clinics. The appointments are expected to be completed by the end of this week. The recruitment of other supporting staff has been completed," he said.

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**WORK IN PROGRESS**

NHAI awarded the project of constructing the 117-km-long expressway in February 2018

**The 10-lane expressway will cut travel time between Bengaluru and Mysuru to 75 minutes**

Initially, a 30-month deadline was set for completing the project

**As per the previous deadline, the entire stretch was to be opened before Dasara this year**

NHAI has partially opened several streches of the expressway that include Bidadi, Ramanagaram, Chennapatna bypasses

**By the year-end, the NHAI is likely to complete the civil works**

**STORY SO FAR**

People complain about lack of commuter-friendly facilities on the newly opened 58-km Bengaluru–Nidaghatta stretch

**Motorists taking the highway will miss popular restaurants that were on the earlier stretch**

Janapada Loka, a museum that has an exclusive display of village folk arts of Karnataka, will also be missed by motorists

**Various businesses are facing a shortage of customers**

For several days in August, following a downpour, stretches of the highway in parts of Mandya and Ramanagaram districts were flooded

# Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway disrupts local businesses

There are no exits from the partially opened Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway to towns like Channapatna, Ramanagaram and Bidadi, and this is bad news for local craftsmen and iconic eateries

**Jayanth R. and Darshan Devaiah B.P.**
BENGALURU

For those who travel from Bengaluru to Mysuru, a few pit stops along the way has been a tradition. From a breakfast halt at Bidadi for piping hot 'thatte' idlis to buying wooden toys or cutlery for home décor at Ramanagaram – regular travellers never miss them and a whole economy thrives on these patrons.

The opening up of a 58 kilometre stretch of Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) from Hejjala to Nidaghatta of Maddur taluk has changed all that. The local businesses in Bidadi, Ramanagaram, Channapatna, and Maddur have been hit, with commuters mostly preferring to take the expressway. Hotels, petrol pumps, toys and handicrafts, and other roadside trade along the old Bengaluru-Mysuru highway have been affected.

Wooden rocking horses being made in a workshop at Channapatna on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Ramanagaram bypass road which is a part of the newly built 119 km Bengaluru – Mysuru expressway. K. MURALI KUMAR

### Channapatna toys

With their Geographical Indication (GI) tag, Channapatna wooden toys and handcrafts are very famous across the globe. There are around 3,000 toy makers and many toy industries in Channapatna taluk. There are also around 40 toy and handicraft emporiums located between Ramanagaram and Maddur towns. The commuters on the old highway were their regular customers. The expressway has diverted these toy buyers away.

"The new highway is far away from the city and there are no exits from the highway into towns like Channapatna, Ramanagaram, and Bidadi. Around 90% of toy business has been affected over the last month. The traditional wooden toys and handicraft businesses are already facing many threats from the Chinese toys, besides shortage of ivory wood. Now the demand has also declined owing to the new expressway," said Venkatesh, who runs a toy business in Channapatna.

In addition to these, small traders like tender coconut vendors, fruit and vegetable vendors, sugarcane juice stalls and other small commercial businesses have reported losses since the opening of the expressway.

### Thatte idlis and Maddur vadas

The thatte idli of Bidadi is famous for its smoothness and taste across the State and there are more than 50 thatte idli joints located between Kumbalgodu and Bidadi.

While Kannada matinee idols like Rajkumar, Vishnuvardhan, and Ambarish were frequent patrons to these stalls back in their heyday, today, former Chief Ministers B.S. Yediyurappa and H.D. Kumaraswamy also visit the iconic eateries for breakfast. For travelers from Bengaluru to Mysuru on road, Bidadi was the designated breakfast spot. However, with the opening of the new expressway, these eateries are facing losses.

Shashi, the owner of Shashi Thatte Idli Hotel in Bidadi, said, "Over the last month, our business has been completely disrupted. The hotel used to be packed with customers," he said, adding that four to five places have already closed, and this is sad for what has come to a "brand" in Karnataka.

"In my hotel, around 15 employees are working, and I pay ₹70,000 a month as rent. So, how can I run the hotel?" he asked. The crispy and flavourful vadas – a trademark of Maddur and the favourite snack of commuters – will also see fewer buyers now because of the expressway, eatery owners along the road said.

### Access issues

While owners of businesses have their share of woes, commuters complain about connectivity issues to their favourite hotels and emporiums. If they are on the expressway, then the commuters have to take a U-turn and connect to a service road which will add five to 10 kilometres to their travel to reach restaurants or shopping areas.

A thatte idli hotel on the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway. JAYANTH R.

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> **VENKATESH,** businessman

Manoj Kumar, a commuter said, "Even though the expressway is good to drive on, it is difficult to reach restaurants as it is disconnected from the service road for a long stretch. We had to take a U-turn and drive another five kilometres to reach a hotel."

A few commuters also complained about the non-availability of restrooms along the expressway. "On the old highway, we would either find toilets within hotels. Now, there is nothing on either side, and that will be a huge inconvenience, especially for women small children," said Vanditha A.R., another commuter.

### Restrooms will come up later

The NHAI officials said at least two restrooms will come up near the expressway once the work is fully completed. "We have opened it only on an interim basis to ease the Dasara commute. When the project is completed, there will be restrooms even near the toll booths," the official said.

While there are no first aid care centres along the expressway either, commuters said they were comforted by the fact that there were several NHAI patrolling vehicles which could help in case of emergencies.

### Traffic snarls

Even though the expressway was opened with an intention to decongest traffic on Mysuru road during the Dasara season, there was still bumper-to-bumper traffic. Commuters are of the opinion that incomplete work is the reason for these traffic jams.

"Last week, when I travelled two times to Mysuru from Bengaluru, I was stuck for over two hours in traffic starting from Kengeri to Ramanagaram. What is the use of opening this incomplete stretch then?" asked S. Shankar, a motorist from Vidyaranyapura in Bengaluru.

# After accidents, police ask motorists on expressway to drive cautiously

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Following multiple accidents on the newly opened Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway following its partial opening before the Dasara season, traffic police have appealed to motorists to be cautious.

Initially, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had set Dasara season as the deadline for the opening of the entire 117-km expressway. However, it failed to meet the deadline owing to various issues. Several stretches though have been partially opened in a phased manner.

Recently, near Channapatna, an accident involving a private bus and six other vehicles claimed the life of a child.

Ramanagara SP K. Santosh Babu said, "We have been advising motorists to be cautious. One should not cross 80 kmph speed; seat belt is a must; those who are driving slowly should not use the right lane; follow diversion instructions or else they will end up blocking oncoming traffic. On the expressway, manning traffic at every point is not feasible." The official said those motorists who are wary of using the newly opened bypasses must avoid using them.

The 4.5-km long Kumbalgodu flyover between Kengeri and Hejjala on the expressway.

There were several instances of youths coming from Bengaluru to do bike stunts on the bypasses risking their lives as well as others. "We impounded their vehicles and imposed a penalty on those violating the rules by doing bike stunts," said the official. Once the expressway is fully operational, two-wheelers and autorickshaws will be barred from using the expressway as it is unsafe.

The regular commuters demand that NHAI expedite the work and make the entire stretch fully operational. "The expressway quality is good and we are expecting the whole stretch to open soon. However, without wide slip roads, we find it difficult to cross various points and this results in huge traffic jams and snarls especially near the toll gate in Kumbalgodu. The overall delay in its construction is making life difficult for commuters like us," said Karthik, a commuter.

Meanwhile, commuters say there is a need to put speed bumps near points where there are sharp curves. "After a long wait, the commuters are getting good road infrastructure. Several bypasses have been opened. Recently, on social media a video of accidents involving multiple vehicles and photo of a toppled truck had gone viral. People say that at several stretches spread breakers are required, with proper signage system considering the safety of the motorists. The NHAI should work in this regard to make travelling safe for the general public," said Tushar Rao, another commuter.

Recently, the expressway hit the headlines after several stretches were inundated following heavy rain in Ramanagaram district. The NHAI was accused of doing shoddy work. Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari during his recent visit to Bengaluru said the NHAI would take all the corrective measures.

Earlier, the NHAI had maintained that the pending works will be completed by year-end. The 117-km expressway includes an 8-km long elevated corridor, nine major bridges, 42 minor bridges, four railway over bridges and five bypasses. Sources said that the expressway is likely to be formally inaugurated by February next year.

**Shoots and leaves** Chef Rahul Sharma chats with a farmer; (below) Chef Matt Orlando and some of his creations. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

# Root, fruit and stem

**Chef Matt Orlando** of Amass was in Bengaluru recently. He talks about how sustainable living can be a winnable goal

**Ruth Dhanaraj**
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Tempura young pepper leaf, raw peanut milk confit, peppercorn caramel – terms such as zero-waste cooking and repurposing ingredients remain mere words until you sit down to a meal that lives up to these concepts in its entirety.

At a recent dinner hosted at Araku Cafe, Bengaluru, Chef Matt Orlando teamed up with Chef Rahul Sharma and presented an entire four-course meal with produce they gathered from the Araku Valley in Andhra Pradesh.

Born in San Diego, California, Matt Orlando is known for Amass, his restaurant in Denmark where the dish of the day is sourced from the kitchen garden.

Matt who began cooking when he was 14, says he was cooking at seafood and steak houses, all through high school. His stint at a restaurant called Fairbanks gave him a glimpse of the fine dining experience. "That was where I learned to respect food and see how it is integrated into our lives on an everyday basis."

He moved out of San Diego to New York and from there to the United Kingdom and Europe, before settling in Denmark in 2005 where he worked at Noma, a three-Michelin-star restaurant run by Chef René Redzepi. He eventually opened Amass there in 2013.

"We began as a regular restaurant and since I didn't want to serve what everyone else was, we were anti-Nordic in terms of cuisine.

A friend asked me, 'What's next?' and I said I'd continue to cook good food and make people happy. But the word 'responsibility' popped into my head at that moment and I didn't really know how to interpret that in the context of a restaurant. I had never worked in a restaurant where that word was used."

### Trial and error

Even if he didn't know how to go about it, Matt and his team, got into it in earnest. "We didn't have consultants telling us how to do things. We just figured things out organically."

***It sounds clichéd, but if we all do our bit as individuals, there's a ripple effect that will benefit future generations.***

Over the years, Amass has earned a name for itself as being an example of sustainable dining. "The average high end restaurant produces about 21 kilograms of $CO_2$ per guest over the course of a year and we produce 11.4! The average food cost of a high end restaurant is about 30%, Amass has scaled it down to 17-19%."

Matt says in Denmark where all the trash is burned, they reduced their trash by 85% since they have opened, adding that there is a financial case to be made for an eco-friendly approach (see infobox). "A big part of this process is how we cook – being aware of the potential of ingredients such as the stems of kale, the skins of citrus and pumpkins. We've figured out how to use cooking techniques to preserve them and use them as actual ingredients."

### Life mantra

Often asked to define sustainability in a nutshell, Matt says it all boils down awareness. "You should be aware of the impact you have as an individual and how you affect the planet. Hopefully, you have a moral compass that allows you to make the right decisions."

Matt understands everyone does not have the information they need to make the right choice and so, spreading awareness has become a part of Amass' culture. "It sounds clichéd, but if we all do our bit as individuals, there's a ripple effect that will benefit future generations."

### To Araku and back

"This is my third trip to India, but my first to Araku. Its beauty makes you want to re-evaluate your approach to living a responsible life. It was one of those transcending trips."

Matt says he was amazed by the many herbs, millets and rices, white beans, squashes and zucchinis found in the Valley. He and his team brought back four big boxes of produce they needed for the dinner in Bengaluru. Their menu included crispy spiced anchovy, sourdough bread chips, marigold ragi, marinated guava and rhubarb among others paired with organic wines.

### Waste not, want not

- The concept of zero waste is set on the principle to minimise waste as far as possible, with the goal of reducing the amount of trash sent to garbage dumps.
- Reduce, reuse and recycle are the working solutions for a zero waste lifestyle where anything is discarded only after it can no longer be used in any shape or form.
- A zero waste culture reduces your carbon footprint, pollution and the cost of creating new products.

## STEPOUT

### Beyond the seas

Arifa, a quartet from the Netherlands, blends the 'occidental and oriental' facets of jazz. This year sees the release of its fifth album, *Danubian Voyage*; they are currently touring India.
*The Arifa Quartet will perform at Alliance Francaise on October 11. Tickets at the venue and on insider.in*

### Haute shot

The Hi Life exhibition and sale, which is on at Lalit Ashok, concludes on October 9. You can shop from a range of products ranging from haute couture, home décor, wedding ensembles, designer apparels, jewellery, murals and spa essentials. On display will also be a range of crafted stationery.

### Taco-block

Sanchez has introduced a special menu for Taco Day, which will be available till October 9. There will be an array of soft tacos with options such as char-grilled seafood, tequila lime serrano chicken and tacos al pastor. Vegetarians too have a choice with green veggie tacos, Mexican barbecue mushroom and crumbled queso fresco.
*Dial 9606054210 for details.*

### An evening with a mentalist

Suhani Shah, said to be India's first female mentalist, will be performing in Bengaluru this weekend as part of her silver jubilee celebrations in the field of magic. She will be performing on October 7 at Sindhi High School Auditorium, 8.30pm, October 8 at Jagriti Theatre, 7.30pm and October 9 at Mother Thekla Auditorium, Ashok Nagar, 7pm.
*Tickets are available on bookmyshow.com*

# Rhythm and reason

**Ever evolving** MC Altaf has come a long way and feels he has further to go. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Ahead of his performance in Bengaluru, rapper MC Altaf speaks about his journey

**Simran Ahuja**

MC Altaf is no stranger to performing for an audience from Bengaluru, but his upcoming show on October 7 – part of his debut India tour – has him feeling even more excited. The Mumbai-based rapper, famously known for teaching actor Ranveer Singh the 'Bambaiya' accent in the film *Gully Boy*, says this time, the set is going to have a different energy altogether. "I'm going to be performing with a band and I'm excited to see people's reactions to that. Bengaluru respects music and people here don't just attend shows of film or commercial music. They enjoy good, unique music too," says Altaf, explaining why *namma ooru* was the perfect choice to include in his six-city tour.

Named after one of this most recent tracks, the Big Moves India tour also marks how far the musician has come. From hearing his first rap song in Mumbai's Dharavi to now headlining a show, this rap artist may be going places but his feet are still planted firmly on the ground. The track, 'Big Moves' looks back at the 23-year-old's journey, though Altaf firmly believes he is far from done. "I'm still not such a big artist that everyone knows me. I've still got some big moves to make," he says.

Looking back, there is not much Altaf wants to change. "I made tracks based on what I liked and the emotions I felt at the time. I hope to be in the same zone in the future too," he says.

As things changed, so did his music style. Only not a fan of singing about love, Altaf decided to widen his repertoire. His new track, 'Samjhe Na' with Zaeden and Shah Rule, explores how the lives of artistes affects their relationships. "Earlier we thought we should only do hardcore rap. After meeting other artists and attending shows, I realised I have to expand my music too."

*MC Altaf Big Moves India Tour is on October 7, 7pm onwards at Gylt. Tickets available on insider.in*

# Real dreams

Amitosh Nagpal's *Mahanagar ke Jugnu* narrates the struggle of aspiring artists

**Non-linear** The rhythm of the play imitates life. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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The synopsis of Amitosh Nagpal's play *Mahanagar ke Jugnu* is full of oxymorons. It reads: 'The story *Mahanagar ke Jugnu* is not about love, but it is about love. It's not a tragedy, but sometimes it feels like one. There isn't much of a story, but it is everyone's story. What would you call the joy of meeting sadness when you want to be sad? Would you say it's a sad or a happy encounter?'

This is because the genesis of the play involves an oxymoronic situation. It stems from a phase in Amitosh's life when he was struggling to make ends meet yet denying work that would have paid him a crore. Amitosh had come to Mumbai to be in the movies. He did not want to play the 'hero's friend'; he wanted characters that could satisfy his acting abilities. He did not want to write according to the demands of the industry; he wanted to tell his own stories, unadulterated by external factors.

"Storytelling should be personal. It should not be shaped according to the market forces," believes Amitosh. As a newcomer working independently in a metropolis like Mumbai, money was hard to come by. Survival was proving to be difficult. That is when Irrfan Khan, advised him to monetise his writing talent. On the one hand, he wanted to pursue his passion. On the other hand, he also had to survive. So, even as he wanted to act and write for himself, he also acted (in films like *Arakshan* and *Besharam*) and wrote (*Hindi Medium*, *Saina* and more) for others.

This conflict between dreams and reality forms the crux of *Mahanagar ke Jugnu*. "It is a whimsical story of all those who have made their way to the city of dreams - Mumbai," says Amitosh. "The play revolves around the experiences of artists and non-artists struggling to find the balance between going after their dreams while balancing the practicalities of life."

"Though we are talking about Mumbai, I believe people from all walks of life living in big cities could relate to this."

If the content of the play sounds unique, so does its form. "It does not have a typical beginning, middle, and end. If you look at our lives, there is no one neat beginning, middle, and end - they keep repeating. That is what we have tried to capture in our play."

Though the play is about one man, Jugnu (played by Amitosh), it also involves nine other actors, who play Life, Dreams, and his thoughts. Being a fan of Woody Allen, Amitosh has written a play with characters who constantly break the fourth wall.

"The protagonist of the story represents realism while all the other performers are metaphors that represent various thoughts, emotions, and aspirations. Through song and dance, these thoughts bring forward all that exists in the protagonist's mind which is sometimes chaotic, frenzied, in love or simply distracted."

*Mahanagar Ke Jugnu will be staged at Jagriti Theatre in Whitefield on October 9, 2022, at 3.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets on bookmyshow.com*

### Meet the Shefs

The Leela Palace Bengaluru presents Meet the Shefs on October 8. This will feature chefs — Aarthi Sampath, Aminder Singh Sandhu, Sherry Mehta and Aman Dosanj. The menu is priced at ₹ 8,000 per person.
On October 7, there will be a masterclass with chef Zafar Ali, who will present the Indian Heritage by celebrating women and Indian produce. The fee for the masterclass is ₹2,000. Call 25211234 for details.

### A tribute with rock

Hard Rock Cafe, Whitefield, presents the band Big Band Theory on October 8 at 8pm. The band will pay a tribute to the the legendary rock band — Nirvana. Tickets for the show are priced at ₹ 750 and are available on Paytm Insider and bookmyshow.com

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## INBRIEF

### HDK writes to Bommai on violation of protocol

The former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Thursday urged Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to hand over the recent incident of violation of protocol in Channapatna to the Legislative Assembly's privileges committee. He sought disciplinary action against senior officials of Ramanagaram district.

Demanding an inquiry into violation or protocol by a Chief Secretary-level officer during a programme in the taluk, he said the Janata Dal (Secular) would resort to protests across the State and JD(S) legislators would stage a protest in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue on the Vidhana Soudha premises. In his letter to Mr. Bommai on Thursday, Mr. Kumaraswamy said if ₹50 crore could be given to an MLC from Channapatna (C.P. Yogeshwar), the same gesture could be extended to other 74 MLCs.

### Elephant calf found injured in Nagarahole being treated

The elephant calf which was found injured by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during his short stay in the Kabini backwaters abutting Nagarahole, is being treated for maggot infection and other injuries.

Mr. Gandhi had appealed to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to intervene to save the elephant. Responding to it, Mr. Bommai said Forest Department staff had been directed to take appropriate action. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Kumar Pushkar said the mother was given a standing sedation so as to gain access to the calf and it was treated for maggots. Antibiotics had been administered, he said and added that apart from severe injuries in the abdomen, one-third of the trunk was missing.

It is suspected that the calf was attacked by a pack of wild dogs (dholes). Elephant calves coming under attack by predators is common, Mr. Pushkar added

He said given the severity of the injuries, it is difficult to say whether the calf will survive or not but it was being constantly monitored. Besides, the calf was still in the suckling stage and hence it would not be possible to separate it from its mother, he added.

# Sonia joins yatra in Mandya district for two hours

Police and other security personnel had a tough time controlling the surging crowds; the march resumed after a two-day Dasara break

**The Hindu Bureau**
MANDYA

Congress president Sonia Gandhi joined the Bharat Jodo Yatra, which resumed its journey in Pandavapura in Karnataka's Mandya district on Thursday after a two-day Dasara break.

She joined the yatra, led by her son Rahul Gandhi, MP, for the first time since it began on September 7 and wound its way through parts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala before entering Karnataka on September 30. She was participating in a public event after a long gap, said party sources.

Ms. Gandhi joined the march about two weeks before the yatra's mammoth public rally scheduled to be held in Ballari from where she was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1999.

#### Jostling crowds

On Thursday, several other party leaders, including the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar, walked alongside her within a security ring amid cheers and sloganeering by the party supporters. Police and other security personnel had a tough time controlling the surging crowds that jostled to catch a glimpse of the Congress president.

While Mr. Shivakumar said Ms. Gandhi's participation in the "historic" yatra had given strength to a large number of women, youth, and farmers in the country, All India Congress Committee general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala said the Congress president, accompanied by Mr. Gandhi, walking shoulder to shoulder with others, had "energised" thousands of workers. "Congress president Sonia Gandhi walked with @Rahul Gandhi & padayatris between Jakkanahalli & Karadya in Mandya district. Her programme was for only 30 mins. She stayed with #BharatJodoYatra for 2 hrs, energised by the support of people of Karnataka & in turn strenghtening our resolve," tweeted Congress general secretrary in charge of communications Jairam Ramesh.

**Marching on:** AICC president Sonia Gandhi with her son Rahul Gandhi, MP, during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Mandya district on Thursday, and (below) the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah sprints with the Congress leader in Nagamangala.

#### Kharge to join

Meanwhile, senior Congress leader M. Mallikarjun Kharge, who is in the race for the post of Congress president, is scheduled to join the yatra on Friday. Though he was expected to participate in the padayatra on Thursday, party sources said his participation was put off by a day to ensure that a "wrong message" is not sent by his presence on the same day as Ms. Gandhi's.

# ED asks DKS to appear before it today; Congress describes it as an attempt to derail yatra

**The Hindu Bureau**
MYSURU

**The Enforcement Directorate had turned down his request to reschedule the date**

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar and his brother D.K. Suresh, Congress MP, on Friday. The summons are in connections with the National Herald case.

Mr. Shivakumar said the ED had turned down his request to reschedule the date, as his presence was necessary at Adichunchanagiri Mutt on Friday when the Bharat Jodo Yatra reaches Bellur Cross in Nagamangala.

The Congress has described it as an attempt by the BJP to derail the padayatra in the State that has been receiving an "overwhelming response" from people.

All India Congress Committee general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala said the BJP was "panic-stricken and scared by the overwhelming response" of the people to the yatra.

"They can summon Mr. Shivakumar and Mr. Suresh 500 more times. They are only trying to block our yatra. But, neither Mr. Shivakumar nor Mr. Suresh is scared. We will give them a befitting reply in the people's court. We reject such malicious and vicious attempts by the BJP," Mr. Surjewala said.

#### 'Will reply to queries'

Earlier, Mr. Shivakumar said he received another summons from the ED on Thursday asking them to appear before it on Friday. "I discussed it with the party leaders and the party's direction is to respect the summons. We will reply to the questions of the ED in Delhi," he said.

# BJP State executive meet today to sound poll bugle

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The State executive of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, which is being held on Friday in Bengaluru, is set to put the party's road map for election preparations into action.

The BJP will take a formal plunge into poll preparations by lining up a series of events soon after the State executive in which over 500 prominent leaders, including the party's legislators, MPs, and State office-bearers, will participate. The next executive will be held only in January, when hardly three months will be left for the Assembly ellections.

A team of party leaders, led by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and party parliamentary board member B.S. Yediyurappa, is set to embark on a State tour from October 11 as part of the party's election preparations. Two other teams, led by party national general secretary and State in charge Arun Singh and State president Nalin Kumar Kateel, have already commenced their tours.

#### Public outreach

The tour by all three teams will continue till December-end, according to BJP State vice-president Nirmal Kumar Surana. During their tour, the teams will address public gatherings, and organise meetings with beneficiaries of various government schemes as well as different communities besides interacting with the party's local office-bearers, he told reporters in Bengaluru.

While the teams led by Mr. Bommai and Mr. Kateel would tour 50 Assembly constituencies each, the one led by Mr. Singh would cover 40 constituencies, he explained.

Meanwhile, Mr. Singh, who arrived in Bengaluru on Thursday, told media persons that the executive would discuss a road map for achieving the party's target of winning 150 of the total 224 Assembly seats in Karnataka.

Seeking to downplay the Bharat Jodo Yatra of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, which is passing through the State now, Mr. Singh said the Congress was taking out the yatra only to level allegations of corruption against the BJP. "But whatever it does, the Congress is bound to bite the dust in the 2023 Assembly polls," he said. Replying to queries on RSS national general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale expressing concern over raising unemployment and economic disparities in the country, Mr. Singh only said that jobs were being created continuously by the Narendra Modi-led government and the country was on a fast pace of development.

# 78 lakh farmers' records in State digitised: Bommai

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The State has been at the forefront of digitisation in the agricultural sector and 78 lakh farmers have been brought within its ambit by linking farmers with survey number and Aadhaar details, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday.

Participating in a video-conference with Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah regarding natural farming and digitisation of farm records, he said the State was ahead in the digitisation of the agricultural sector, and records of 62 lakh landowners and 16 lakh landless farmers had been digitised under Bhumi software.

'Fruits' software was now being emulated by other States. This software was being improved regularly. The State had been implementing the 'Swamithva' scheme of the Centre on a campaign mode, Mr. Bommai said.

On nano urea, he said the first nano urea unit was being established in Bengaluru. It was introduced to farmers after a detailed study.

The Chief Minister said through digital technology, farmers themselves were surveying their land and 212 crore plots had been digitised so far. "To avoid complications, steps are taken for all farmers to do the survey themselves. So far, they have done it very honestly," he said.

# Will BJP use Yogi's visit to Mandya to woo Vokkaligas?

**B.S. Satish Kumar**
BENGALURU

Is the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party in Karnataka trying to use Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to make inroads into the Vokkaliga heartland of Mandya and surrounding areas?

The question is being raised as Mr. Adityanath is set to visit the district on October 16 to take part in the Kumbh Mela being organised at Ambigarahalli of Akkihebbal in K.R. Pet.

The event at the confluence of the Hemavati and the Lakshmanatirtha with the Cauvery will be held for three days from October 14. Mr. Adityanath will be attending the rituals on October 16. Significantly, the Kumbh Mela is being spearheaded by the Vokkaliga community's Adichunchanagiri Mutt that belongs to the Naatha Panth, to which Mr. Adityanath also belongs.

BJP leaders are tight-lipped on whether there are any plans to politically harness Mr. Adityanath's visit.

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North by : Land belongs to Usmaan Sheriff, South by : Land belongs to Krishnappa and his Children and Sri. Nanjappa,

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# Xiaomi case: HC rider for granting relief

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**Special Correspondent**
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday said it cannot grant an interim order in favour of M/s Xiaomi Technology India Pvt Ltd unless the company furnishes a bank guarantee for ₹5,551.27 crore in the proceedings initiated against it for allegedly transferring the said amount outside India in violation of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

Justice N.S. Sanjay Gowda made these observations orally while hearing a petition filed by Xiaomi. The company has challenged the September 29, 2022, order passed by the competent authority under FEMA confirming the seizure order of ₹5,551.27 crore issued by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on April 29.

High Court of Karnataka

**Company's contention**

The company contended that the competent authority had not applied its mind in confirming the ED's action of seizure of ₹5,551.27 crore while claiming that the competent authority had not given an opportunity to examine the representatives of a foreign multinational bank. Senior advocate Udaya Holla, appearing for the company, argued that the petition is maintainable as the company has also questioned the constitutional validity of Section 37-A of the FEMA apart from challenging competent authority's order.

**Amount withdrawn**

However, Additional Solicitor General of India M.B. Nargund, who represented the ED along with advocate Madhukar Deshpande, contended that the company had allegedly withdrawn a substantial amount out of the seized amounts by misrepresenting the High Court's order passed in the earlier petition.

Only around ₹3,900 crore is available in the company's account as of October 4 as against the seized amount of ₹5,551.27 crore, the ASG pointed out while contending that the company has to approach the appellate authority against the order of the competent authority.

When the court suggested that it will consider granting an interim order if the company furnishes bank guarantee for ₹5,551 core, the senior advocate said company will deposit the amount from its sales from January 2023, as the company needs money to supply mobile handsets for festival sales.

However, the court said the company has to furnish the bank guarantee if it wants to operate bank accounts as the court has to protect the interests of both the company and the government while asking what if the company says that revenue from the sales was not as expected.

There has to be an equitable way to protect the interest of both the sides, the court said while adjourning hearing till next as agreed by both the parties.

**Second round**

This is the second round of legal battle by Xiaomi against the ED's action. It had filed a petition earlier soon after the ED seized the amounts and the court

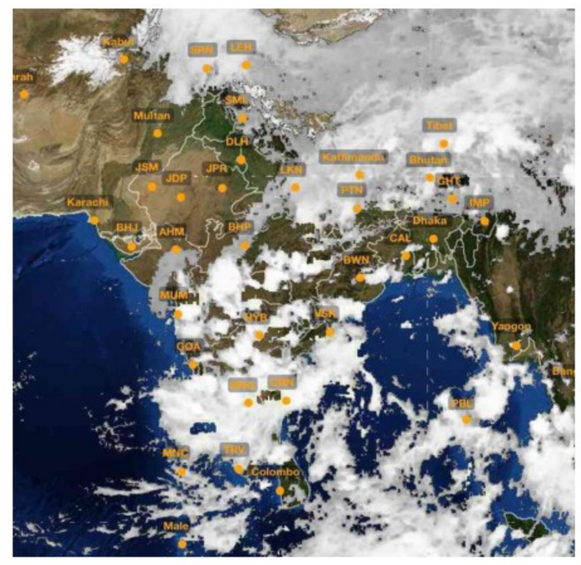
**HC said the company has to furnish the bank guarantee if it wants to operate bank accounts**

in May had permitted it to operate the bank accounts only to meet the expenses for its day-to-day activities and to take overdraft from the seized bank accounts to make payments to foreign entities, excluding payment of royalty.

Later, the court in July disposed of the petition while noticing that the ED had already submitted the seizure order before the competent authority for confirmation. The Court had given 60 days for the competent authority to decide the ED's action.

## WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

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**Forecast for Friday:** Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at a few/isolated places over Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Haryana, Delhi, West Bengal, Jharkhand, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN |
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| Ahmedabad | — | 33.5 | 27.5 | Kurnool | 9 | 26.4 | 23.4 |
| Aizawl | 10 | 25.0 | 19.6 | Lucknow | 62 | 24.4 | 23.2 |
| Allahabad | 13.7 | 32.8 | 25.0 | Madurai | — | 35.7 | 26.3 |
| Bengaluru | — | 27.0 | 20.7 | Mangaluru | 5.2 | 29.5 | 22.4 |
| Bhopal | 33.7 | 32.9 | 22.5 | Mumbai | — | 30.0 | 26.5 |
| Bhubaneswar | 17 | 30.0 | 24.5 | Mysuru | — | 30.8 | 20.6 |
| Chandigarh | — | 32.8 | 23.6 | New Delhi | — | 31.0 | 22.4 |
| Chennai | 32 | 31.6 | 23.0 | Patna | — | 32.1 | 25.7 |
| Coimbatore | — | 30.9 | 23.0 | Port Blair | 49 | 29.4 | 23.2 |
| Dehradun | 32 | 30.6 | 19.2 | Puducherry | 15.2 | 30.2 | 21.6 |
| Gangtok | 0.7 | 19.8 | 16.5 | Pune | 4.9 | 29.5 | 20.5 |
| Goa | — | 27.6 | 24.8 | Raipur | 3 | 30.6 | 24.2 |
| Guwahati | — | 34.0 | 24.1 | Ranchi | — | 28.7 | 22.0 |
| Hubballi | — | 27.0 | 21.0 | Shillong | — | 26.5 | 16.4 |
| Hyderabad | 21 | 28.0 | 21.6 | Shimla | — | 20.6 | 14.7 |
| Imphal | — | 30.0 | 19.1 | Srinagar | — | 27.0 | 9.6 |
| Jaipur | — | 33.2 | 23.3 | Thiruvananthapuram | 1.6 | 32.0 | 23.4 |
| Kochi | — | 30.0 | 20.8 | Tiruchi | — | 33.1 | 26.4 |
| Kohima | — | 25.2 | 16.0 | Vijayawada | 48 | 28.2 | 24.4 |
| Kolkata | 15 | 33.0 | 25.0 | Visakhapatnam | 0.4 | 32.3 | 24.4 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | ..— | ..51 | .57 | .....45 | ....83 | |
| Bengaluru | ...7 | ..28 | .57 | .....54 | ...104 | |
| Chennai | .17 | ..14 | .29 | ...139 | ....79 | |
| Delhi | .13 | ..25 | .46 | ...134 | ....84 | |
| Hyderabad | ...8 | ....3 | 120 | .....53 | ....61 | |
| Kolkata | ...8 | ..14 | .17 | .....19 | ....21 | |
| Lucknow | .11 | ..48 | .65 | .....43 | ....52 | |
| Mumbai | .33 | ..20 | .17 | ...177 | .....— | |
| Pune | ..— | ..41 | .99 | .....— | .....— | |
| Visakhapatnam | .34 | ..22 | .46 | .....25 | ....41 | |

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhiwadi, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 215 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

**Air Quality Code:** Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**$NO_2$:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

# Hindutva forces trying to appropriate Tamil identity: director

**B. Aravind Kumar**
CHENNAI

A speech by national award-winning film-maker Vetrimaaran accusing the Hindutva forces of continuously trying to appropriate Tamil identity has sparked a controversy in Tamil Nadu.

As Tamils worldwide are favourably reacting to director Maniratnam's *Ponniyin Selvan I*, a film based on the life of Raja Raja Chola, considered to be the greatest of the Chola kings, there were posts on social media by certain sections portraying him as a "Hindu king".

At a function here, Mr. Vetrimaaran had remarked: "Art is political. Initially it was art for art's sake. Aesthetic beauty is important but art is not complete without people. Art is a reflection of life. Cinema is a mass medium. Tamil Nadu remains a secular State, resisting the external forces with maturity, because the Dravidian movement took control of cinema from their hands."

Stating that it was very important to keep art political, he said, "We [Tamils] have to handle it correctly. If we don't do it properly, soon our symbols will be appropriated by them," he said pointing to instances like (Tamil saint-poet) Tiruvalluvar draped in saffron and averments like Raja Raja Chola as Hindu king. "It has been happening continuously. They will use cinema as a tool. We need to be politically aware," he said.

His speech sparked a debate over social media with sections of supporters of Hindutva, BJP and RSS organisations targetting him and many, including the

Vetrimaaran

Dravidians in the Twitter space defending him.

On Wednesday, Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi leader Thol Thirumavalavan said during the time of Raja Raja Chola, Saivam and Vainavam were different. The two openly fought against each other. There were continuous conversions. "In those times, where was Hindu?" he asked.

On Thursday at a felicitation function for PS 1 crew, actor and politician Kamal Haasan said the name Hindu religion was not there during Raja Raja Chola's time. There was Vainavam, Saivam and Samanam. "It was the name given by the British."

To a question on Mr. Vetrimaaran's speech that there was no Hindu religion during the Chola period and it was all Tamil, Mr. Haasan said he endorsed the view. "There were different religions. In the 8th century, Adi Sankara merged them. It is history," he said."

BJP leader H. Raja said Raja Raja Chola was a Siva devotee and a Hindu. Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan said, "Worship, Saivam and Vainavam are the cultural identity of Tamils and any attempt to hide these identities would be inappropriate."

# Illegal mining case: Karnataka HC upholds discharge of two retired IAS officers, others

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has upheld the 2016 order of the Special Court for CBI cases in discharging two retired IAS officers and the executives of a mining company in an illegal mining case.

Justice K. Somashekar passed the order while dismissing the revision petitions filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), challenging Special Court's January 30, 2016 order of discharging them from all the charges.

The CBI had challenged the discharge of Rajendra Kumar Jain, managing director, and Ritesh Milapchand Jain, chief executive officer, of Deccan Mining Syndicate Pvt. Ltd., Ballari; N. Vishwanathan and Shameem Bhanu, both retired additional chief secretaries of the State government; S.P. Raju, retired deputy director, Mines and Geology Department; and Ramakant Y. Hullar, then circle inspector of police, Sandur police station.

**CBI allegation**

The CBI had alleged that they were parties to a criminal conspiracy hatched in Bengaluru, Ballari, Hosapete, and other places during the period 1980-2010 to commit the offences of cheating, theft of iron ore, criminal trespass, changing the boundaries, and criminal misconduct by abuse of their official position.

However, the High Court said the Special Court "has rightly come to the conclusion that there are no sufficient materials/evidence against the accused persons to proceed further for framing of the charges and consequently, discharging them from the case."

# More than six lakh devotees had darshan during Tirumala Brahmotsavams

**The Hindu Bureau**
TIRUMALA

About 6.33 lakh devotees had darshan at Tirumala during the annual Brahmotsavams of Lord Venkateswara on Wednesday.

The numerals relating to the pilgrim turnout were unique going by the fact that the TTD had cancelled all forms of paid darshan, arjitha sevas and other privileged darshan formats.

Briefing the media, TTD Chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy said the decision to scrap all forms of paid darshan and implement only 'sarva darshan' was taken following Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's instructions to accord top priority to common pilgrims during the nine-day festival.

Of the total turnout, around 81,318 pilgrims had darshan on the day of 'Garuda Seva' while over 3 lakh had witnessed the procession.

The temple 'hundi' netted an income of ₹22.08 crore. More than 26 lakh laddus were sold. A staggering 1,189 barbers worked round the clock at Kalyanakatta as 2.20 lakh devotees got their heads tonsured.

The 'Annadanam' personnel had served meals and breakfast to around 22 lakh pilgrims. Around 7.87 lakh pilgrims were provided food packets free of cost on the 'Garuda Seva' day alone.

The APSRTC had operated around 27,000 round trips and ferried 8.90 lakh devotees between Tirumala and Tirupati.

# Telangana Chief Minister's foray into national politics receives mixed response

**The Hindu Bureau**
VIJAYAWADA

While welcoming the Telangana Rashtra Samithi's (TRS) transformation into Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), Adviser (Public Affairs), Government of Andhra Pradesh, Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, has said the emergence of new parties augurs well for democracy.

Stating that he would not comment on the new entrants, Mr. Ramakrishna Reddy, however, said their coming onto the national political stage was good for democracy in general.

Industries Minister Gudivada Amarnath, in a statement, termed it as a "wasteful exercise."

"Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) or BRS will have no role in Andhra Pradesh. We are not concerned about what he intends to do at the national level as it is his choice," he said.

BJP State general secretary S. Vishnuvardhan Reddy said KCR had become the Chief Minister by using the Telangana sentiment. "Now, he has ditched the Telugu people in pursuit of his ambition to become the Prime Minister," the BJP leader said in a message on the Twitter.

In his reaction, BJP Rajya Sabha member G.V. Narasimha Rao said, "KCR is trying to position a regional party on the national platform. The new name may sound national, but it is only notional. The BRS will continue as a regional party."

BJP MLC P.V.N. Madhav said the BRS was an extension of KCR's family rule at the national level. He should have named it 'Kalvakuntla Praja Party (KPP)," Mr. Madhav said.

Former BJP MLA P. Vishnu Kumar Raju said, "It seems Telangana CM has made a political blunder. He should have first strengthened his party in Telangana, where he is on the shaky ground."

# Don't lure, persuade

## Fiscal rationale for poll promises will impart depth to electoral campaigns

The Election Commission of India's proposal to require political parties to disclose the financial implications of the promises they make in their manifestos will add meaning and depth to electoral campaigns. The idea that parties should communicate to electors the fiscal rationale for promising delivery of goods or services that would involve a significant outgo from the exchequer is already part of the Model Code of Conduct from 2015. The ECI is now proposing a proforma for such disclosures. If parties agree and the idea is included in the Model Code, they will have to spell out the section of society that a particular promise is targeted at, the extent of coverage and the number of likely beneficiaries, and the cost of implementing it. They must also spell out how the required resources will be raised. To give the parties an idea of the fiscal challenge that their promised schemes may pose, the Centre and the States have been asked to disclose details of the budget revenue receipts and expenditure as well as the outstanding liabilities. The information, it is believed, will provide a framework under which a manifesto can be assessed by the voter from the perspective of its financial viability. It may also make parties treat manifesto preparation as a responsible exercise meant to persuade rather than lure the voter.

There is bound to be some resentment among sections of the political class. It may be argued that the ECI should not get into the nitty-gritty of manifesto formulation, especially the manner of its implementation, as that will be the political and administrative responsibility of the party that comes to power on the basis of its promises. The guideline itself arose from a Supreme Court judgment in 2013, upholding the right of parties to make electoral promises even if they involved distribution of consumer goods. It was held that such a promise would not amount to a corrupt practice, and as long as these were financed by budgetary allocations cleared by the legislature, they could not be invalidated. The Court also suggested that to prevent extravagant promises from upsetting the electoral level playing field, the ECI could lay down some guidelines. In practice, however, the ECI's guidelines did not elicit enough information, as parties made only routine and ambiguous disclosures. If implemented, detailed financial disclosures may help in informed voter choice, as rival parties are likely to subject manifesto promises to intense scrutiny. It may also have a more meaningful impact, be it positive or negative, on the prospect of a party winning over the electorate with a single flagship promise.

# No longer bizarre

## Nobel prize given for establishing what was once seen as metaphysical

The quantum revolution ushered in a new phase of science and technology, with transistors changing electronics forever and lasers providing the foundational cornerstones in fields from communication to medicine. This year's Nobel prize for physics awards yet another milestone in quantum physics. This has been dubbed a revolution in the making, with many possibilities for applications in quantum computation, quantum cryptography and quantum networks. Alain Aspect (France), John F. Clauser (the U.S.) and Anton Zeilinger (Austria) have been awarded for experimental work 'on entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science'. The common concept in their work is quantum entanglement. This is a quirk of quantum mechanics which allows two or more particles to exist in an 'entangled state' such that what happens to one particle affects the others immediately, irrespective of how far they may be. This is what Einstein called 'spooky action at a distance' and prompted him, along with Boris Podolsky and Nathan Rosen to come up with the thought experiment (1935)– the case of Schrodinger's cat which can be alive and dead at the same instant. The idea that challenged the very foundations of quantum mechanics was that there could be 'hidden variables' that decide the state of the particles that were separated in space, and there was no real quirk in quantum mechanics that caused them to be entangled.

John Stewart Bell, in 1964, came up with a mathematical way of testing whether quantum mechanics was compatible with the local hidden variable theory. After further improvisations, these inequalities were named Bell's inequalities. John Clauser and Alain Aspect have been awarded for showing experimentally the violation of Bell's inequalities. This implies that entanglement is indeed intrinsic to quantum mechanics, and there are no local hidden variables dictating the correlation between the properties of the entangled particles. This led to further development of the field. Anton Zeilinger and his team took up the challenge of establishing 'quantum teleportation'. Though this phrase sounds magical, physical particles are not teleported; however, information about their quantum states is moved through a distance – helping in new forms of communication and cryptography. Today, entangled quantum states between photons have been demonstrated when the photons have traversed tens of kilometres of optical fibres. Also, entangled states have been demonstrated between photons on earth and those on a satellite. It is likely that researchers will find ways of using this property which is both exotic and promising.

# Domestic ideologies in external settings

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National statements made by the world's political leaders during the general debate at every fresh session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) are directed primarily to the international community but take into account domestic political and social constituencies. Naturally, the latter consideration should not outweigh or undercut the primary objective and direction of any statement. This time – it was the 77th UNGA session – the Indian statement was delivered by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on September 24. Mr. Jaishankar deserves to be applauded for the professionalism and precision with which he covered India's positions on international issues. However, his articulation of some areas of the Modi government's domestic agenda raises several deeply troubling questions.

**Decoding the Minister's 'formulation'**

Praising the "determination, innovation and enterprise of millions of ordinary Indians", Mr. Jaishankar asserted that "They are rejuvenating a society pillaged by centuries of foreign attacks and colonialism". Clearly, his formulation distinguished between "centuries of foreign attacks" and "colonialism". Many in the Assembly chamber, who are unaware of the fierce ideological contestations under way in contemporary India, may have been left wondering at the distinction Mr. Jaishankar was drawing between the two. However, those who follow the ideological divisions in present-day India would have caught on to the distinction he was making.

There is little doubt that Mr. Jaishankar's words "centuries of foreign invasions" could not be a reference to the Kushan and Hun invasions of India in the remote past. So, this formulation were code words for the invasions which began with the Arab attack in Sindh in the eighth century, but more specifically to the incursions into India beginning with those of Mahmud of Ghazni and later of Mohammad Ghori. The latter's invasion led to the beginning of the establishment of centuries of Muslim rule in India.

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**Domestic controversies are best avoided**

As far as this writer can recall there has never been a disparaging reference made to pre-colonial India in an Indian statement during the general debate, or indeed in any UN forum. The connotation of the word "pillage" is obvious in this context. Therefore, this is perhaps the first time that the basic interpretation of Indian history of the current ruling dispensation has been projected in the UNGA, although in coded language. This is a dangerous path to undertake for domestic controversies are best avoided when national positions which have to be, necessarily rooted in the Constitution, are authoritatively articulated abroad. As a former diplomat, Mr. Jaishankar would be well aware of the Indian diplomatic tradition which has always presented nationally unified positions abroad, particularly at the UN and in multilateral forums.

Mr. Jaishankar went on to say that India's rejuvenation is taking place in a democratic framework and is "reflected in more authentic voices and grounded leadership". This too is a sad, if not insulting, reflection on the choices made by the Indian people in election after election since the first in 1951-52. He obviously overlooked the fact that the Indian Republic introduced adult franchise and that power was exercised only through the representatives chosen by the people. Is it Mr. Jaishankar's position, which he placed before the UNGA, that the people, through many decades, chose representatives who were less "authentic" or "grounded" when all of them came from among the people themselves?

While recalling the five pledges that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set before the people for the next 25 years, Mr. Jaishankar sought to show how each of them were relevant not only to India but also to the world. As a general proposition it can be logically and validly argued that on some issues, as the Indian population is one-sixth of that of the world, what is good for India is good for the world too. This would be obviously true for the environment; hence, it was appropriate for Mr. Jaishankar to emphasise "the care and concern" for the environment "ingrained in our traditional ethos". But the general proposition cannot be stretched so far as to deny India's great achievements in the United Nations itself. Recalling Mr. Modi's second pledge, Mr. Jaishankar said "we will liberate ourselves from a colonial mindset". To make this pledge relevant internationally, he added, "Externally, this means reformed multilateralism and more contemporary global governance". It is a strange proposition to put before the UNGA that the Indian "mindset" remains "colonial" and needs to be liberated. It is noteworthy that Mr. Jaishankar did not put any qualifications in the sentence to distinguish between those Indians, for him, who have a "colonial" mindset and those who do not. He would obviously not accept that the ruling Indian dispensation has a "colonial mindset" so perhaps this sentence, as it stands, was a drafting slip but nevertheless it is now unfortunately part of the UN record.

**Damaging India's record**

What is more disturbing is the proposition that the "liberation from a colonial mindset" damages India's record as a pioneer and leader in the global decolonisation process in the 1950s and the 1960s. Whatever may be the view of the detractors of Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi – and there is much in their political and governance records which is worthy of criticism, if not condemnation – it cannot be denied that they were heroes to the anti-colonial leadership in many countries in Africa and elsewhere. India's role in the entire decolonisation process after the Second World War is one which this country can be justifiably proud of. An entire generation of human rights workers in the United States and South Africa were also inspired by Gandhiji and his non-violent anti-colonial struggle.

Is not all this proud record and noble endeavour compromised by Mr. Jaishankar's implication that Indians have a colonial mindset? Worse, does it not give an opportunity to India's detractors to ask India to first get rid of its "colonial mindset" before seeking "reformed multilateralism"? The saying 'Physician, heal thyself' comes to mind. Words, phrases, arguments, exhortations are the tools of diplomacy. They cannot and should not be abandoned to promote domestic ideologies in external settings. Strong statements of a nationalistic flavour may win brownie points and popularity at home – and sometimes they are undoubtedly needed for diplomatic purposes too; however, facts, reason and logic as guides should never be overlooked.

# Strengthening the CSR framework is a profitable idea

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Ever since the establishment of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) regime in India under Section 135 of the Companies Act 2013, CSR spending in India has risen from ₹10,065 crore in 2014-15 to ₹24,865 crore in 2020-21. But there is no data to verify whether this increase is commensurate with the increase in profits of Indian and foreign (having a registered arm in India) companies. Besides, there were 2,926 companies in 2020-21 with zero spend on CSR while companies spending less than the prescribed limit of 2% rose from 3,078 in 2015-16 to 3,290 in 2020-21. There was also a decline in the number of companies participating in CSR – 25,103 in FY2019 to 17,007 in FY2021.

If a company spends an amount in excess of the minimum 2%, as stipulated, the excess amount is liable to be set off against spending in the succeeding three financial years. The latter proviso in the Act weakens the former provision since the requirement of 2% is only a minimum requirement. Ideally, companies should be encouraged to spend more than this. Besides, many private companies have registered their own foundations/trusts to which they transfer the statutory CSR budgets for utilisation. It is unclear if this is allowed under the Companies Act/CSR rules.

**Geographical bias**

The first proviso to Section 135(5) of the Act is that the company should give preference to local areas/areas around it where it operates. This is logical. However, a report by Ashoka University's Centre for Social Impact and Philanthropy says that 54% of CSR companies are concentrated in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Gujarat (receiving the largest CSR spends) while populous Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh receive little. A high-level committee observed in 2018 that the emphasis on 'local area' in the Act is only directionary and that a balance has to be maintained. Unfortunately, this ambiguity has left much to the discretion of the boards of these companies in the absence of clear percentages for local spends *vis-à-vis* other area spends.

Item (iv) of Schedule VII of the Act deals with broader environmental issues to create a countervailing effect. However, an analysis of CSR spending (2014-18) reveals that while most CSR spending is in education (37%) and health and sanitation (29%), only 9% was spent on the environment even as extractive industries such as mining function in an environmentally detrimental manner in several States.

Under the existing regulation, monitoring is by a board-led, disclosure-based regime, with companies reporting their CSR spends annually to the Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA) through filing of an annual report. It is not known if there is a review of these reports and companies taken to task. A major issue with this design is that it focuses on output rather than quality of the expenditure and its impact. The Standing Committee on Finance had also observed that the information regarding CSR spending by companies is insufficient and difficult to access.

As per the 'Technical Guide on Accounting' issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, a company is only required to mention its CSR spends, non-spend, underspend, and overspend in the 'Notes to Accounts'. Additionally, an auditor can investigate only the details of spending and at most can question the board about its authenticity. However, the auditor is not mandated to qualify the accounts for non-compliance or inadequate CSR performance in the audit report, a feature which can be instrumental in ensuring its compliance.

Having a national-level platform where all States could list their potential CSR-admissible projects would help companies assess where their CSR funds would be most impactful across the country

**A pathway to follow**

There is a need to curate a national-level platform centralised by the MCA where all States could list their potential CSR-admissible projects so that companies can assess where their CSR funds would be most impactful across India with, of course, preferential treatment to areas where they operate. Invest India's 'Corporate Social Responsibility Projects Repository' on the India Investment Grid (IIG) can serve as a guide for such efforts. This model would be very useful for supporting deserving projects in the 112 aspirational districts and projects identified by MPs under the Government's Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana.

Companies need to prioritise environment restoration in the area where they operate, earmarking at least 25% for environment regeneration.

All CSR projects should be selected and implemented with the active involvement of communities, district administration and public representatives.

Recommendations by the high-level committee in 2018 should be incorporated in the current CSR framework to improve the existing monitoring and evaluation regime. These include strengthening the reporting mechanisms with enhanced disclosures concerning selection of projects, locations, implementing agencies, etc.; bringing CSR within the purview of statutory financial audit with details of CSR expenditure included in the financial statement of a company, and mandatory independent third-party impact assessment audits. Since the Government itself has begun separate schemes for sanitation, water supply and education (listed in Schedule VII), steps to stop duplication and fraud are essential.

CSR non-spend, underspend, and overspend should be qualified by the auditor in the audit report as a qualification to accounts, and not just as a note to accounts.

The MCA and the line departments need to exercise greater direct monitoring and supervision over CSR spend by companies through the line ministries (for public sector undertakings) and other industry associations (for non-public units) instead of merely hosting all information on the Ministry's website.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**New party and unity**

At a time when efforts are being made by most Opposition party leaders to forge a united front in order to take on the ruling BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the launching of a new national party by the Telangana Chief Minister is an unfortunate development. It will hamper the unity bid (Inside pages, October 6). If every regional party leader wants to be in the limelight because of his or her egoism and disregards unity efforts, it will benefit only the ruling party. When is the Opposition going to follow the lesson about unity?

**D. Sethuraman,**
Chennai

The renaming of the TRS as the Bharat Rashtra Samithi with the intention of making it a national party may not pay off. It is very doubtful whether the BRS will have any impact in Telangana. People may perhaps prefer a regional party that can meet the State's aspirations rather than a national party formed mainly to fulfil the personal aspirations of an individual.

**K.R. Jayaprakash Rao,**
Mysuru

**NGT penalty**

A report on the Telangana government finding fault with the National Green Tribunal for levying a ₹3,800 crore penalty for its failure to manage or treat solid and liquid waste is odd. The NGT is a judicial tribunal. The aggrieved party has the option to challenge the move before the appellate court, the High Court for the State of Telangana. Criticism does not work.

**A. Venkaiah,**
Hyderabad

**Quality control worries**

A report about the World Health Organization medical alert over four cough/cold syrups made by a firm in India ought to be probed thoroughly by the Drugs Controller General of India. Another area of concern is the quality of medicines available at Jan Aushadhi kendras. Though much cheaper when compared to medications in other medical shops, their manufacture by not so familiar pharma companies is a worry. The Central Drug Standards Control Organization (under the Directorate General of Health Services, Health Ministry) should clear the air.

**Dr. V. Purushothaman,**
Chennai

**Corrections & Clarifications**

A report titled "EPF members can't see interest due to software upgrade, says Ministry" (some editions, Oct. 6, 2022) erroneously described Mr. Mohandas Pai as Infosys co-*founder*. The correct description is *former* Infosys Technologies' *director*.

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# Is India in a bind over its relations with Russia?

PARLEY

*On October 1, when India abstained from voting at the United Nations Security Council on a draft resolution against Russia for conducting referendums and annexing four regions of Ukraine, it was a reminder of New Delhi's precarious tightrope walk on ties with Moscow. In the backdrop of the war in Ukraine and in the face of Western sanctions against Russia, India has continued to carry on oil and defence trade with Russia, even as it remains committed to deepening its relations with the West, including the U.S. In a discussion moderated by* **Kallol Bhattacherjee**, *Anuradha Chenoy and Ashok Kantha discuss India's choices and actions in a changing geopolitical landscape, especially with regard to China. Edited excerpts:*

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**The war in Ukraine has brought Russia and China closer than before. In this context, how can India safeguard its interests?**

**Anuradha Chenoy:** It's not that the Ukraine war has suddenly brought them together. The proximity has been going on since the end of the Cold War and it has gradually reached a peak now. It is linked to a combination of factors, such as Russia's export of defence equipment, of energy, the two countries' understanding of a multi-polar world, etc. – and also, from the rise of American paranoia about, and phobia towards, China. So, this closeness is not new, but it has increased. I think it is pretty irreversible.

**Ashok Kantha:** I witnessed linkages between China and Russia being upgraded following Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014, when the Russians came under great pressure from the West. I was India's Ambassador to China then, and saw first-hand how Russia's attitude in working with China in certain sensitive sectors changed – for instance, in the supply of sophisticated defence systems such as S-400 or Sukhoi Su-35 aircraft, or in accommodating the Belt and Road Initiative, or in accepting a greater role for China in Central Asia. All these developments took place at least partly because Russia needed China more then.

This trend has continued. The joint statement of February 4, 2022 between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin predated Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It talked about a partnership "without limits". There is no doubt that after Russia's "special military operation" against Ukraine, strategic collaboration between Russia and China has increased. If Russia is more dependent on China today, that is because it has been subjected to intense sanctions and other measures by the West. And China, while it has not quite endorsed Russia's invasion of Ukraine and has professed to take a position of neutrality, has been supportive of Russian action in many ways, including by accepting the Russian narrative on the U.S. and the West being the primary cause for what's happening in Europe today, through various actions like the eastward expansion of NATO. I think that narrative is being promoted by China, both externally and internally. So, on the whole, the Chinese have been supportive of Russia. And this has led to greater Russian dependence on China, which, of course, has implications for us.

A destroyed Russian tank in Kyiv. AFP

**Both Russia and China have opposed the Quad. So, did the Quad also play a role in bringing Russia and China closer?**

**AC:** India has invested in the Quad, but the Quad is not a military alliance. It focuses on technology, trade, maritime security. But India has been careful to make sure that it's not part of any military alliance with Russia, China or the U.S. And I think Russia has understood that India will engage with other countries of the West. In fact, China also tried to have close relations with the West, but the West did not respond favourably to this. So, both Russia and China are looking to the Global South, of which India is important. I think the small but significant bilateral withdrawal from one point in Galwan recently might have something to do with this. China seems to be recognising that India is capable of being neutral. Of course, it has a very long way to go. But I don't think China can afford to alienate India any longer, given the kind of polarisation in world politics.

**AK:** On Ukraine, we have taken a balanced and nuanced position. I don't see any fundamental shift in China's position. It would like to utilise the Ukraine issue. It would like to drive a wedge between India and the U.S. But it's not willing to accommodate in any substantive manner fundamental concerns such as the situation along the India-China border. So, I don't really see any fundamental shift in China's position in the wake of the Ukraine crisis.

> The fact remains that as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, there have been changes in the geopolitical situation which are not very favourable for us, such as the closer alignment between China and Russia.
> ASHOK KANTHA

**India is going ahead with all the multilateral arrangements that it has with China and Russia, such as BRICS and the SCO (Shanghai Corporation Organisation), while also going ahead with the G20, Quad, etc. Does it help India to maintain such a mixed position?**

**AK:** We have differentiated between our bilateral and multilateral engagements with China. We have made it clear that unless there is restoration of peace and tranquility in broad areas, we cannot return to a normal track in our dealings with China. We don't see China showing any desire to return to the status quo ante. But we have maintained our engagement with China and Russia in settings like the SCO.

**To what extent has India benefited from multilateral engagements with Russia and China in BRICS and the SCO in comparison to broader multilateral groupings like the G20?**

**AC:** It's a function of a sophisticated foreign policy to be able to distinguish between bilateral and multilateral engagements. India is a good model for this. The SCO and BRICS, especially the SCO, are regional organisations focusing on energy trade, linkages, etc. These are opportunities for leaders to discuss multiple non-traditional security issues. BRICS came up because major multilateral organisations like the WTO (World Trade Organization) and the IMF (International Monetary Fund) have not given the space that they should to emerging countries or to the Global South. And India has tried consistently to not make any platform either for or anti-West. It is able to operate and even become a bridge between these formations.

**Is India hinting at a growing impatience with Russia's war?**

**AK:** There is a discomfort with both Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the fallout of Russian actions, which have hurt our interests in many ways. For instance, the economic fallout, high fuel prices, difficulties in accessing fertilizers and disruptions of global supply chains. There are practical aspects like the procurement of arms and spare parts from Russia for the Indian armed forces that indicate at a legacy aspect to our relationship with Russia. So, this is not something we are going to jettison in a hurry. But at the same time, the fact remains that as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, there have been changes in the geopolitical situation which are not very favourable for us, such as the closer alignment between China and Russia.

**AC:** I agree broadly that there is clearly discomfort and there has been fairly astute balancing and also small gains, with Russia providing larger amounts of energy at discounted rates. India would be happy to help if there could be a negotiated solution. But (Ukrainian President Volodymyr) Zelenskyy has said he is not willing to talk to Mr. Putin. India also understands the quagmire, what NATO is doing, and because we have direct contacts with the Russian leadership, we have to watch (how the situation unfolds). But so far, the stance has been fairly good.

**What lies ahead for Russia, China and India?**

**AC:** I think there will be no Russia-India-China kind of trilateral. Russia can still put pressure regarding the border issue on behalf of India, as it has done earlier. In short, I don't see anything negative as far as Russia and India are concerned with China. We have to keep putting pressure to resolve the border issues.

**AK:** The assessment in the West, that Russia has become a client state or a vassal state of China, is a little exaggerated. Russia has a sense of history and destiny, so it will continue to insist on its agency in international affairs. At the same time, the fact remains that because of several circumstances coming together, including pressure from the West, Russia's role in Europe is no longer acceptable to the U.S. and Europe. I think Russia will become increasingly dependent on China in practical ways – for instance, as Europe continues to reduce its dependency on oil and gas supplies from Russia.

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NOTEBOOK

# In China, fire without smoke

The recent rumour fest showed lack of context and the unwillingness of most Indian media houses to take foreign news coverage seriously

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For Indian correspondents in China, the past fortnight has been surreal. In the last week of September, many Indian television news channels began reporting on rumours of a "coup" in Beijing and military convoys entering, even blockading, the Chinese capital. The posts spread like wildfire, so much so that it seemed that every Indian in China was getting flooded with worried calls from people back home asking about "the situation". One diplomat was asked if there were tanks on the streets. For the record, Beijing seemed as normal as ever.

Despite absolutely no evidence for the claims, the consensus, even of seasoned foreign affairs experts, on these news shows was that "there is no smoke without fire". But was that the case?

The "smoke", in this instance, was flight data showing mass cancellations of flights and the fact that Chinese President Xi Jinping hadn't appeared in public for a week since his return to China on September 17 from the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Samarkand. Yet both "warning signs" appeared far less suspicious to those on the ground in China, who are familiar with the context of the country's current pandemic policies.

Indeed, mass flight cancellations had been a bane of my travel plans since I arrived in the mainland in June. As I finished the mandatory quarantine, I found that because of only a couple of cases in Shenzhen, most outgoing flights from the city were cancelled overnight. This was because of China's 'zero COVID' policy, under which cities that are medium or high risk are promptly isolated from the rest of the country, making mass cancellations hardly unusual.

As for Mr. Xi's "disappearance", those following his now-rare travels outside the mainland knew he had similarly not appeared in public for 10 days after a July trip to Hong Kong. Under 'zero COVID', all foreign arrivals are required to isolate for 10 days, and the Chinese leadership was likely aware of the bad optics should the same leader who has forced the stringent 'zero COVID' regime on the country flout those rules.

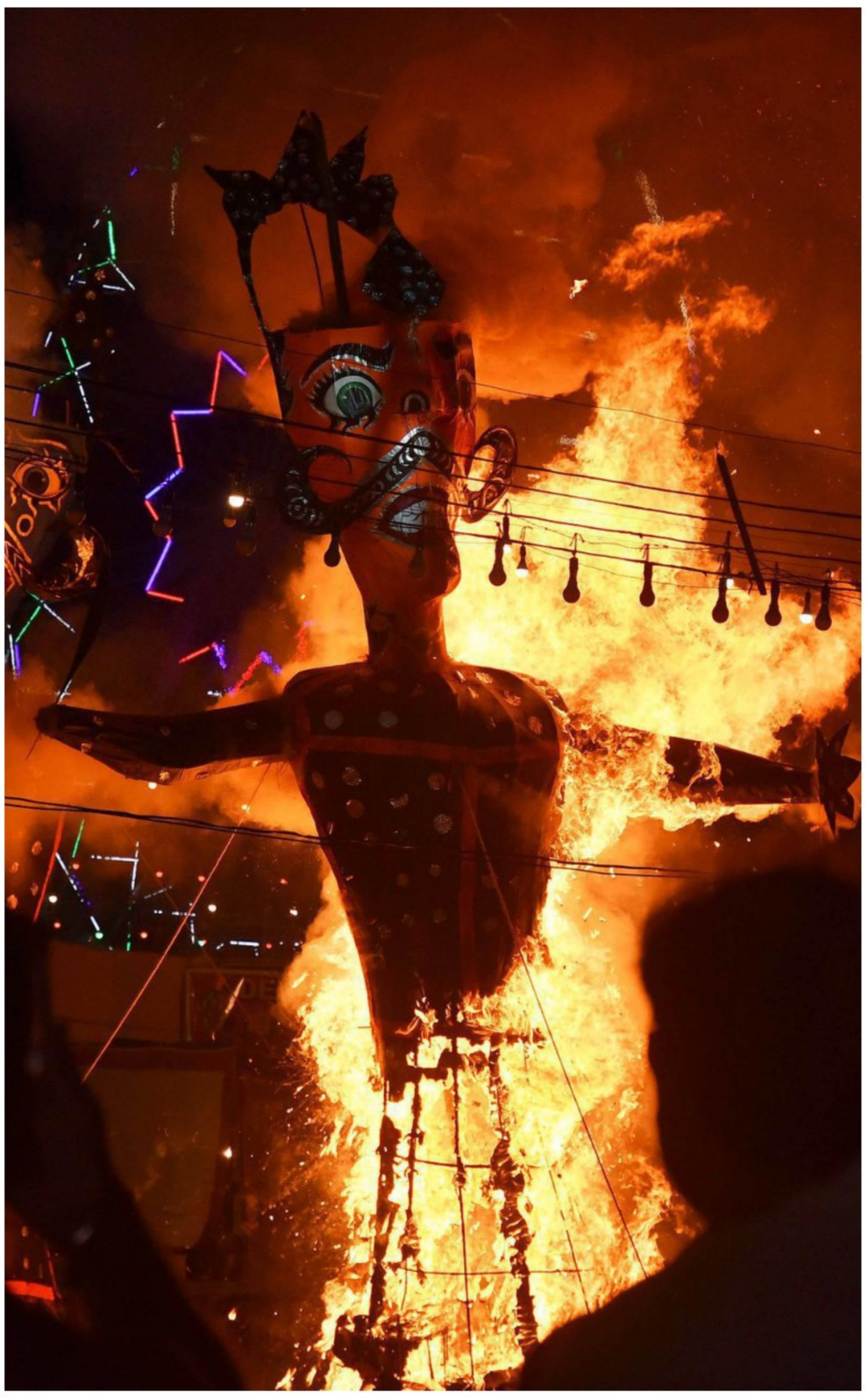
Moreover, for people following Chinese politics, the original source of the rumours, which appeared in Falun Gong-linked overseas websites, was all-too-familiar. As Zeyi Yang noted in the *MIT Technology Review*, "it's not rare to see such salacious political rumours if you follow a lot of Chinese-language Twitter accounts", which are part of "a whole world of commentators and anonymous accounts openly speculating about every faint signal coming out of China's state media, magnifying every word and gesture, and interpreting it as something groundbreaking." This is truer in the political season in China and on the eve of a twice-a-decade Communist Party Congress.

To me, the latest rumour fest signalled, above all, the importance of context in journalism. For those unfamiliar with both the 'zero COVID' regime and the ecosystem of overseas political speculation, it is understandably difficult to separate fact from fiction. This is especially true in an authoritarian country like China where politics remains the blackest of black boxes. In the Xi era, the opacity has only increased, so much so that it has become near impossible to confirm or deny a political development that hasn't been confirmed on State media. And opacity is fertile ground for rumour-mongering. However, that shouldn't become an excuse for media outlets to abandon basic standards of fact-checking. It is worth reflecting why the rumours that made it to Indian media outlets weren't covered by most organisations in the West or in Asia.

A larger problem is the unwillingness of most Indian media outlets to take foreign news coverage seriously enough to post their own correspondents on the ground. Journalists on the ground aren't infallible, but have a better chance at getting the context right to separate rumour from news. There are only four Indian correspondents reporting from China (from *The Hindu*, Press Trust of India, *Hindustan Times*, and Prasar Bharati), all of them in Beijing. If there were, say, 40, the rumours that captivated attention over the last two weeks might have had a much shorter shelf life.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

## A symbol of evil goes up in fire and smoke as the capital celebrates Dussehra



An effigy of Kumbakharna, brother of the demon king Ravana in the Ramayana, is burnt on Dussehra, at the Red Fort grounds in Delhi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 7, 1972

## Dumping of acid waste in sea: Controversy in U.S.

Washington, Oct. 6: A request for a permit that would allow a company to dump a solution of sulphuric acid, laced with toxic metals, into the Gulf Stream at the rate of one million gallons every four days is now pending before the United States Army Corps of Engineers. If the permit is granted, it will establish the first major dumping ground for industrial wastes in the vicinity of the Gulf Stream, the warm biologically rich current which flows offshore along the Atlantic seacoast. The proposal, made by American Cyanamid Co., has already provoked an uproar from conservation groups and some ocean scientists believe it may be the first step in the pollution of another environmental asset. Other scientists, however, disagree, arguing that, so far, there is little evidence that acid dumping has harmed ocean life. Cyanamid, a diversified corporation which operates in 30 States, has filed a statement with the Army stating that the effluent to be dumped will contain an 18 per cent solution of sulphuric acid containing substantial quantities of "metallic impurities." It cites evidence that the massive flow of the Gulf Stream will "neutralise" the acid. The National Wildlife Federation, which is leading the conservationist attack on the dumping proposal, has argued that studies made of a German acid dumping site in the Baltic Sea show that sulphuric acid, even when mixed with 32,000 parts of seawater, is harmful to fish. In a letter to the Engineer Corps, the Federation also argued that several other companies have been able to recycle acid wastes into marketable products, thereby avoiding the dumping problem.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 7, 1922

## Palestine mandate

Geneva, Oct. 6: At the extraordinary session of the Council of the League of Nations, Earl Balfour announced that Britain would withdraw the memorandum with regard to the establishment of a Committee of investigation into the titles of various religious committees in Palestine respecting Holy Places. He declared the decision had been taken in view of the diversity of political and religious interests and rival claims of various communities which rendered an immediate solution of difficulties impossible. Nevertheless Earl Balfour requested his colleague on the Council to exert their efforts to overcome the difficulties.

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### World Bank pares FY23 growth projection to 6.5%

The economies that are more services-led are expected to "maintain a reasonable recovery trend despite headwinds".

Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Pakistan are more at risk and will see poverty increase in 2022. The slowing in India's growth during the current fiscal year, relative to the previous one, was because most of the COVID recovery happened last year, the report said. The impact of the Russia-Ukraine war, global monetary tightening, high commodity prices and interest rates impacting domestic demand, contributing to this slowing.

Manufacturing and services have been expanding in India since January, and growing at a rate faster than the rest of the world. With a relaxing of COVID restrictions, economic activity had picked up, as had demand in contact-intensive sectors.

Output had grown at an estimated 13.5% (year on year) in the April -June period this year, a contraction however, relative to the preceding quarter. Services and construction had expanded the fastest on the production side, the report said, and private demand had grown year on year, but this was largely due to a low base effect from the second quarter of 2021 when the economy was reeling under the delta wave of COVID.

Although India growth estimates are above the South Asian average, there is weakness in employment and supply chains, the report says, with supply chain delays having improved only marginally since June this year. While India's economy-wide employment index is improving on a monthly basis, it is doing so at speeds slower than the rest of the world (barring Asia). While private consumption in India increased overall in quarter 2 of 2022, the recovery across income groups has been uneven, as per the World Bank.

### Annie Ernaux wins Literature Nobel

Above all, Ms. Ernaux's crystalline prose has excavated her own passage from working-class girl to the literary elite, casting a critical eye on social structures and her own complicated emotions.

"In her writing, Ms. Ernaux consistently and from different angles, examines a life marked by strong disparities regarding gender, language and class", the Swedish Academy noted.

"And when she with great courage and clinical acuity reveals the agony of the experience of class, describing shame, humiliation, jealousy or inability to see who you are, she has achieved something admirable and enduring". The chairman of the Nobel Committee, Anders Olsson, said Ms. Ernaux had "been under consideration for her books for many years". "We have had very intensive discussions about her," he told Swedish news agency TT. She debuted with the novel *Cleaned Out* in 1974, a cool-eyed but harrowing account of an abortion she went through in her youth and that she had kept secret from her family.

But it was her fourth book, *A Man's Place* from 1983 – a dispassionate portrait of her father and the social milieu that formed him – that started her literary breakthrough. Outside France, recognition has only come in recent years, notably after the English translation of her key 2008 work, *The Years*, which was nominated for the prestigious Man Booker International Prize in 2019.

### UN Council rejects debate on Xinjiang

Western countries thought that by going no further than simply seeking to talk about the findings, enough other nations would not block putting it on the agenda. But in a moment of drama, countries on the 47-member council in Geneva voted 19-17 against holding a debate on human rights in Xinjiang, with 11 nations abstaining. Amnesty International branded the vote farcical, while Human Rights Watch said it betrayed abuse victims.

The nations voting against a debate were Bolivia, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Eritrea, Gabon, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Kazakhstan, Mauritania, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Qatar, Senegal, Sudan, the UAE, Uzbekistan and Venezuela.

Argentina, Armenia, Benin, Brazil, Gambia, India, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico and Ukraine abstained.

# U.K. Home Secretary links FTA to concerns over immigration

Suella Braverman's comments come just two days after Secretary for International Trade Kemi Badernoch lowered expectations on the agreement; sources say Prime Minister Modi's visit to London is being planned for October-end

**Suhasini Haidar**
**Kallol Bhattacherjee**
NEW DELHI

Union Minister Piyush Goyal with U.K. Minister of State James Duddrige during the G-20 trade meeting in Bali. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

As trade officials from India and the United Kingdom race to seal Free Trade Agreement talks (FTA) in the next couple of weeks, U.K. Prime Minister Liz Truss's new Home Secretary threw a dampener on the process on Thursday by suggesting that she would not back the deal if it involves increased immigration to the U.K.

The comments by British Home Secretary (Minister) Suella Braverman came just two days after the new U.K. Secretary for International Trade Kemi Badernoch also lowered expectations on the FTA, which is due to be announced by Deepavali (October 24), according to a deadline set by the previous U.K. government of Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

According to sources, officials are also working on a visit to London by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the end of October, contingent on the FTA negotiations being finalised to a satisfactory extent. The FTA is being touted as proof of the Modi government's ability to negotiate global trade deals, as well as a possible shot in the arm for Ms. Truss, in the middle of an economic crisis, especially as it was she, as International Trade Secretary, who conducted the opening round of trade talks in 2021.

Speaking to the British magazine *Spectator*, Ms. Braverman, who is herself a child of Indian-origin migrants, said she had "concerns" and "reservations" about the deal.

"I have concerns about having an open borders migration policy with India because I don't think that's what people voted for with Brexit," Ms. Braverman, speaking about the talks and India's push for visa flexibility and including services in the agreement, said during the interview.

"I do have some reservations. Look at migration in this country – the largest group of people who overstay are Indian migrants. We even reached an agreement with the Indian government last year to encourage and facilitate better cooperation in this regard. It has not necessarily worked very well," Ms. Braverman added, referring to the agreement on "Illegal Returns" that was promoted by the former Home Secretary Priti Patel.

The issue of immigrants overstaying in the U.K. has been a point of contention for some years, and the cause of a major controversy when former U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May visited India in 2016.

The Commerce Ministry declined to comment on the statements, which government sources called "internal" affairs of the U.K. On September 27, Commerce and Industries Minister Piyush Goyal held a virtual meeting with Ms. Badenoch. Mr. Goyal also met her deputy, Minister of State James Duddrige, on the sidelines of the G-20 trade meeting in Bali the week before, where he said that the two sides "have set their sights on a time-bound conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement negotiations".

Speaking at the Conservative Party Annual conference this week, Ms. Badenoch addressed concerns about the FTA with India.

"I am not in a rush to sign trade deals. We need to make sure that every deal is great for the U.K.," she said. However, she indicated that Ms. Truss was committed to the Deepavali deadline, and hinted that the FTA could be amended and expanded later as well.

### Pragya Singh appears before court

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur, prime accused in the Malegaon 2008 bomb blast case, appeared before the National Investigation Agency court on Thursday.

On September 29, 2008, a bomb exploded in Malegaon and Ms. Thakur was named in a chargesheet filed by the Maharashtra ATS in 2009.

### Man arrested after threat to Ambani family

**Press Trust of India**
MUMBAI

The Mumbai police have arrested a man from Bihar in connection with anonymous calls threatening industrialist Mukesh Ambani and his family members, an official said. A police team picked up Rakesh Kumar Mishra from Darbhanga on Wednesday.

He was produced before a court here, which remanded him in police custody till Monday.

## 2 Congress leaders record statements in *National Herald* case

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI/HYDERABAD

The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday recorded the statements of two Congress leaders, J. Geetha Reddy and Gali Anil Kumar, from Telangana in connection with the *National Herald* case.

The agency had summoned them for some clarification allegedly pertaining to the donations made through an entity associated with the *National Herald* newspaper. Ms. Reddy, former State Minister, is said to have given clarification regarding her payments to the newspaper.

Sources said Ms. Reddy made it clear that everything paid was legal and was through cheques to help the newspaper pay pending salaries and settle the financial issues of the retired employees. Mr. Kumar also appeared before the ED. A few days ago, former State Minister Shabbir Ali had also joined the probe and given clarification with regard to the payments made by him.

Former State Minister P. Sudarshan Reddy and former MP Anjan Kumar Yadav are likely to present themselves before the ED on October 10. The Congress leaders received ED notices last month.

The notices came after Congress president Sonia Gandhi and MP Rahul Gandhi – who owned 38% shares each in the Young Indian – were called for questioning in the case.

## Justice Dinesh Sharma to head the UAPA tribunal related to ban on PFI

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Centre has appointed Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma of the Delhi High Court as the presiding officer of the tribunal for the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), related to the ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates.

Dinesh Kumar Sharma

Once an organisation is banned under the provisions of the UAPA, a tribunal is set up by the government to adjudicate whether there are sufficient grounds for the decision. The office memorandum, issued by the Department of Justice in the Law Ministry on October 3, mentioned that Justice Sharma's time as head of the UAPA tribunal will count as "actual service".

Chief Justice S.C. Sharma of the Delhi High Court appointed Justice Sharma to head the tribunal that will examine the ban.

"Chief Justice of Delhi High Court has nominated Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma, Judge, to be appointed as the Presiding Officer of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal in the matter of Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates or affiliates or fronts including Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring these organisations as unlawful," said the Law Ministry memorandum.

According to procedure, the Union Home Ministry requests the Law Ministry to name a sitting judge of a High Court to be the presiding officer, and the Law Ministry, in turn, requests the Chief Justice of the High Court concerned to recommend a name. The Home Ministry will now issue a formal notification naming Justice Sharma as presiding officer.

On September 28, the Ministry of Home Affairs had issued a notification declaring "the PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts as an unlawful association with immediate effect". The National Investigation Agency as well as the Enforcement Directorate had alleged that the PFI was engaged in raising and collecting funds from abroad and transferring them to India through "clandestine and illegal channels".

**Read our explainer**
Did the ban spare PFI's political wing?
bit.ly/PFIban

## J&K delimitation orders have acquired 'force of law': EC, Home Ministry to SC

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Home Ministry and the Election Commission (EC) have found themselves on the same page in the Supreme Court, with both agreeing that delimitation orders notified in the Gazette, redrawing Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir following the dilution of Article 370, have acquired the "force of law".

**Legal challenge:** Members of the Delimitation Commission during their visit to Jammu on April 4. PTI

The government and the top election body were responding to a petition filed by Srinagar residents, Haji Abdul Gani Khan and Mohammad Ayub Mattoo, challenging the constitution of the Delimitation Commission.

**'Singled out'**

The petition had also sought a judicial declaration that the increase in the number of Assembly seats from 107 to 114 (including 24 seats in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir) in Jammu and Kashmir was unconstitutional and *ultra vires* the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

The plea said that if August 5, 2019 was to unite Jammu and Kashmir with India, then the delimitation process had defeated the "new order" of "One Nation, One Constitution".

The petitioners had questioned why J&K was "singled out" for delimitation when Article 170 of the Constitution had provided that the next delimitation in the country would only be taken up after 2026.

The EC and the Ministry responded that the petitioners had no jurisdiction even to "comment" on the government's powers to form the Delimitation Commission.

The Centre derived its powers to form, fix the scope and tenure of the Delimitation Commission under Section 3 of the Delimitation Act of 2002, which is "special legislation".

With regards the increase in the number of Assembly seats, the EC and the government said the order of the Delimitation Commission was already notified on May 5, 2022 in the Gazette. This was followed by public sittings in the Union Territory "to afford full opportunity to members of the public to make oral and written submissions to Delimitation Commission".

Subsequently, following the Gazette notification, the delimitation order had already been brought into effect from May 20, 2022. The delimitation order cannot be "re-agitated" in a court once it had gained finality by publication in the gazette, the affidavits said.

On March 6, 2020, the Centre had issued a notification constituting a Delimitation Commission chaired by former Supreme Court judge, Justice Ranjana P. Desai, for delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland.

## Despite turmoil, J&K rose to top on growth indices, says Farooq

**The Hindu Bureau**
SRINAGAR

Former Chief Minister and National Conference (NC) president Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Thursday said Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed eras of development during the NC rule.

Dr. Abdullah's statement comes a day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah challenged the NC to come up with a report card on developments in J&K under its regime. "J&K has witnessed eras of development, ushering its people into political, economic and social empowerment. Despite the decades of turmoil, J&K rose to the top among Indian States in terms of major development indices," he said.

Dr. Abdullah came up with a list of achievements made during the NC regime, like educational institutes, power sector, health sector, industrialisation and democratic institutions.

## Nine killed in bus accident in Kerala

**The Hindu Bureau**
PALAKKAD

Nine people were killed, five of them students on a school trip, when a tourist bus hit a Kerala RTC bus in Palakkad district around Wednesday midnight.

Nearly 50 passengers were injured in the accident at Anjumoorthy Mangalam, near Vadakkanchery.

Three KSRTC passengers and a teacher who accompanied the students were among the victims. The accident was due to speeding by the driver of the tourist bus, transport authorities said. The driver was arrested later.

The school group from Mulanthuruthy in Ernakulam district was on a tour to Ooty. The tourist bus was trying to overtake a car when it rammed the KSRTC Superfast bus heading towards Coimbatore from behind.

**APPEAL**

Name of Patient: **Ms. SONAKSHI KUMARI**, 9 years
Hospital Name: Christian Medical College, Vellore
Diagnosis: Thalassemia Major. This is a type of life threatening blood disorder. She underwent allogeneic stem cell transplant with her brother as a donor on 13-07-2022. She has graft failure after the first matched sibling donor transplant and she needs to have a second allogeneic peripheral blood stem cell transplant (PBSCT) with the same donor. Now she is planned for second transplant and the cost of the same will be approximately **Rs. 20,00,000/-**.
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# Abhishek Singhvi to head parliamentary panel on commerce

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Abhishek Manu Singhvi

The Congress on Thursday nominated Rajya Sabha member Abhishek Manu Singhvi as Chairman of the Parliament Standing Committee on Commerce. The party, however, is yet to take a call on the nominee for Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers.

"We have not yet taken a call on any name. There is still time, we will forward a name soon," Congress floor leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury told *The Hindu*. He has sent two letters in the past one month to the Lok Sabha Speaker protesting against the government's decision to take away the chairpersonship of the Standing Committee on Information and Technology, which was headed by Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor.

On Tuesday, a reshuffle of the parliamentary committees was undertaken and the government withheld the reconstitution of two panels – Commerce and Chemicals and Fertilizers – as their chair has been offered to the Congress. "It is unfortunate that the government has retained control over all key committees, including Home, Defence, External Affairs and Finance. These have conventionally been chaired by Opposition MPs. It seems the government is afraid that if any of us steer them, we will create an impediment for them," Mr. Chowdhury said.

# BJP sees green shoots in Valley after Shah's rally

Election to the Assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir may be held next year; sources in the party say no tie-up is anticipated and it will fight on its own strength

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**Reaching out:** Home Minister Amit Shah greeting people during a rally in Baramulla district of north Kashmir on Wednesday. PTI

Following the recent visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Kashmir, especially his well-attended meeting in Baramulla, the BJP sees green shoots for itself in the Valley and better prospects in the Assembly election in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir,

"It has been 35 years since any Cabinet Minister in the Union government has held a public rally in Baramulla [a district in north Kashmir and often seen as the hotbed of terrorism] and for us, it is emblematic of the changing situation in Jammu and Kashmir," a senior BJP leader said.

Mr. Shah has promised to positively consider granting the Scheduled Tribe status to the Pahari community. The opening of cinema halls and other measures are being seen as a positive sign with regard to the everyday life of people. In fact, Mr. Shah is said to have spoken to members of the Dhar family in Srinagar, proprietors of the newly opened multiplex in the city, on whether the cinemas were attracting viewers, especially women and children.

The process of the finalisation of electoral rolls may take another month or so, according to government sources, and may in fact set rolling the process of holding the election. Sources say that nearly 4.5 lakh voters outside the Union Territory (Kashmiri Pandits and others) could be added to the electoral rolls as could over one lakh residents who had come over from West Pakistan during Partition.

The BJP currently has no plans to tie up with any other party in the run-up to the polls but is carefully watching the progress of new outfits such as the Democratic Azad Party formed by former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad. "As of now, we will be fighting on our own strength and do not anticipate any pre-poll tie-ups," said a senior source in the BJP. There is an anticipation that polls may be held by next year, depending on when the Election Commission feels its preparations are adequate.

## INBRIEF

### Rajputs need to take up arms again, says Sangeet Som

Former Uttar Pradesh BJP MLA Sangeet Som has again created a controversy by alleging that the population of only a particular community is increasing and the Rajput community would need to take up arms in future to stop "*Sar Tan Se Juda*" (beheading) and terrorism threats. The former MLA also targeted the Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kerala and alleged that only green flags were hoisted in the yatra, and the National Flag was not used. The former legislator was addressing a gathering of Rajputs in Meerut.

### Row over Congress leader's remark against Murmu

A tweet by Congress leader Udit Raj stating that President Droupadi Murmu was indulging in "sycophancy" by claiming in her speech in Gujarat that most Indians consumed salt produced in the State triggered a political storm on Thursday. While the BJP accused the Congress of having an "anti-tribal" mindset, Mr. Raj defended himself by asserting that he made his comments as a Dalit and not as a Congress leader. The Congress should apologise, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said.

### Rajasthan Cong. leaders yet to respond to show-cause notices

The 10-day deadline for three Rajasthan Congress leaders – Cabinet Minister Shanti Dhariwal, chief whip Mahesh Joshi and Dharmendra Rathore – ended on Thursday but they are yet to respond to the show-cause notices for indiscipline. The disciplinary committee of the Congress had asked them to explain why they defied the high command and organised a parallel meeting of MLAs instead of taking part in the Congress Legislature Party on September 25. Disciplinary panel sources say the leaders may be given a couple of extra days due to the festival season.

### Vijayvargiya criticises bureaucracy in M.P.

Kailash Vijayvargiya, senior BJP leader from Madhya Pradesh, is the latest in the party to criticise the State's bureaucracy and government machinery. Mr. Vijayvargiya on Thursday questioned the "undue credit" that government officials got for making Indore the cleanest city of India. Mr. Vijayvargiya said that if someone deserved praise, it was the sanitation workers and the people of Indore, in that order, and there was no point in "giving massages to officials".

## *Avalanche rescue*

**To ground zero:** Army personnel proceeding towards the avalanche site in Uttarkashi. As many as 32 people had been rescued and 16 bodies recovered till Thursday evening. PTI

# Modi visits to ready ground for BJP's Gujarat campaign

**The Hindu Bureau**
AHMEDABAD

Prior to the announcement of the Assembly election in Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to step up his campaign, with visits over multiple days to launch new projects and hold rallies and roadshows in half-a-dozen places across the State.

Beginning Sunday, the PM will be in Gujarat for three days till Tuesday, during which he is expected to visit the famous Sun Temple at Modhera in Mehsana, where he will dedicate a solar power plant, and in Jambusar, where he will lay the foundation stone for a bulk drug manufacturing estate to be developed by the Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation.

He will visit Jam Kandorana in Rajkot district, and Jamnagar. He will also visit Anand in central Gujarat.

On October 18, Mr. Modi will arrive to inaugurate the Defence Expo being held for the first time in Gandhinagar, and then he will visit Rajkot and other places, with his departure likely on October 20.

"PM Narendra Modi will be visiting more than six districts in as many days during his two trips to Gujarat," a State government official involved in the preparations for Mr. Modi's visits said.

In the last week of October, Mr. Modi is likely to visit the Statue of Unity in south Gujarat for the Rashtriya Ekta Divas, an annual day organised in memory of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

# RSS chief's population control call clashes with Centre's affidavit in court

NEWS ANALYSIS

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat's call for a "population control policy" on Wednesday may not be on the same page as the government's affidavit in December 2020 which said it cannot coerce couples into having a "certain number of children" in a bid to curb population explosion.

Further, a 2016 Supreme Court judgment authored by Justice Madan B. Lokur (retd.) had also held that any policy which compelled "mass sterilisation" would amount to infringement on "reproductive freedoms", especially that of the most vulnerable groups of society whose economic and social conditions make them easy targets of coercion.

Justice Lokur had written that "improved access, education and empowerment" and not coercion should be the guiding factors behind the government's population control campaign. "Policies of the government must not mirror the systemic discrimination prevalent in society," the court had said in the judgment.

In a 2020 affidavit, the government was categorical in its stand against compulsory population control. "The Family Welfare Programme in India is voluntary in nature, which enables couples to decide the size of their family and adopt the family planning methods, best suited to them, according to their choice, without any compulsion," the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said.

In fact, the government said the period from 2001 to 2011 witnessed the sharpest decline in decadal growth rate among Indians in 100 years.

It said India was a signatory to the Programme Of Action (POA) of the International Conference on Population and Development, 1994. The POA was unequivocally against coercion in family planning.

"International experience shows that any coercion to have a certain number of children is counter-productive and leads to demographic distortions," the Ministry had told the court, in response to a petition filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay to introduce a population control law. Mr. Upadhyay had said that "population explosion was more dangerous than bomb explosion".

**Decline in TFR**

The government said India had been witnessing a "constant decline" in the total fertility rate (TFR). It pointed out that according to Census statistics, "2001-2011 is the first decade in the last 100 years which has not only added lesser population as compared to the previous one, but also registered the sharpest decline in the decadal growth rate from 21.54% in 1991-2001 to 17.64% in 2001-2011."

The Ministry said the TFR which was 3.2 at the time when the National Population Policy, 2000 was adopted had declined substantially to 2.2 as per Sample Registration System (SRS) of 2018. The TFR is an indicator to estimate the average number of children that a woman would have over her childbearing years.

# Govt. advisory against online betting ads welcomed

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS) on Thursday welcomed the Information and Broadcasting Ministry's advisory to private television channels, digital news publishers and OTT platforms, asking them not to broadcast or show online betting advertisements in any form. The FIFS, in a statement, said consumer interests need to be safeguarded.

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| Estimated Cost put to tender | **Rs. 472.50 lakhs** |
| Period of Completion in months | **Eleven (11) Months** |
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| Due date and time for opening of tenders | **16:00 Hrs on 21.10.2022** |
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**1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal. **2)** Last date for receipt of queries: **12.10.2022 upto 5.30 p.m. 3)** Pre-bid meeting : **13.10.2022 at 4.00 p.m 4)** Last date for submission of proposals: **18.10.2022 upto 5.30 p.m. 5)** Date of opening of technical bids: **20.10.2022 at 4.30 p.m.** Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned or GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
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## INBRIEF

### Vande Bharat train damaged after hitting buffaloes

Nearly a week after Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Vande Bharat Express between Mumbai Central and Gandhinagar, the train was damaged on hitting buffaloes between the Gairatpur and Vatva stations in Gujarat at 11.18 a.m. on Thursday. "Three or four buffaloes suddenly came on the way of the train, damaging its nose made of fibre-reinforced plastic. However, no functional part got damaged," a Railway official said. The official said the carcasses were removed, and the train resumed its journey within eight minutes and reached Gandhinagar on time. The Railways is trying to counsel villagers against leaving cattle near the train tracks.

### Bengal flash floods: Centre, State announce ex-gratia

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday announced an ex gratia of ₹2 lakh each for the kin of the eight people who were killed in flash floods during immersion of Durga Puja idols in the Mal river in Jalpaiguri district on Wednesday evening. "₹2 lakh from PMNRF would be given to the next of kin of each of the deceased in the tragic mishap during Durga Puja festivities in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. The injured would be given ₹50,000," the Prime Minister's Office said in a tweet. Ms. Banerjee tweeted that rescue operations by the National and State Disaster Response Forces were on.

### Bombay High Court gets six additional judges

The Union government has notified the appointment of six additional judges for the Bombay High Court. The October 6 notification said Sanjay Deshmukh, Yanshivraj Khobragade, Mahendra Chandwani, Abhay Waghwase, Ravindra Joshi and Vrushali Joshi had been appointed additional judges for two years with effect from the date they assumed charge. On September 7, the Supreme Court Collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit, approved a proposal for their elevation. The strength of judges in the High Court will now become 67 against the sanctioned strength of 94.

### Akasa Air to allow passengers to bring pets on their flights

Akasa Air will now be the second Indian carrier to allow passengers to bring pets with them on board their flights. The airline will allow "domesticated dogs and cats" in passenger cabin and cargo compartment. Only small pets up to seven kg can be brought inside passenger cabin. Animals weighing more than seven kg and up to 100 kg will go into the cargo compartment. The airline will commence bookings for pets from October 15 for flights from November 1. "This is Phase 1 of our launch, and progressively you will see us enhance our pet policy," Praveen Iyer, co-founder and Chief Commercial Officer of Akasa Air, said.

# Cough syrups exported only to the Gambia, finds CDSCO probe

Distributors' organisation says medicines that caused deaths in the Gambia unavailable in India, assures Drugs Controller that they will be pulled out if found; WHO suspects they may have been distributed elsewhere through informal markets

**Bindu Shajan Perappadan**
NEW DELHI

After a preliminary inquiry, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) found on Thursday that the four cough syrups made by Maiden Pharmaceuticals, suspected to have caused the death of children in the Gambia, were exported only to the West African nation.

The World Health Organization (WHO) issued a warning on Wednesday.

"The Haryana-based manufacturer is licensed by the State Drug Controller to make the products Promethazine Oral Solution BP, Kofexnalin Baby Cough Syrup, MaKoff Baby Cough Syrup and MaGrip n Cold Syrup for export only," the Health Ministry said.

Controlled samples of the same batch manufactured by Maiden Pharmaceuticals have been taken and sent for testing to the Regional Drug Testing Lab, Chandigarh by the CDSCO, the Ministry said. The results will guide the further course of action and bring clarity on the WHO inputs. The CDSCO has requested the WHO to share, at the earliest, the report on establishment of the causal relation to death with the medical products in question, the Ministry added.

**Under scanner:** The Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited factory in Sonepat district in Haryana. PTI

By the tentative results received by the WHO, four of the 23 samples tested have been found to contain diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol.

The All India Organisation of Chemists and Distributors (AIOCD) said none of the four syrups was available for sale in India. The group said it had assured the Drug Controller of India that in case these brands were in the Indian market, their supply would be halted immediately.

The Union government will look at where else these brands have been exported.

Despite multiple attempts by *The Hindu*, there was no response from the manufacturers.

"Maiden Pharmaceuticals Ltd. has no presence in the Indian domestic market and they only export their products," Rajeev Singhal, general secretary, AIOCD, said. Mr. Singhal said Indian distributors had been alerted on Thursday to the adverse effect of the solution "and have been cautioned against any possible availability or distribution of these in any part of the country".

The WHO mentioned that the syrups might have been distributed elsewhere and through informal markets.

"Laboratory analysis of samples of each of the four products confirms that they contain unacceptable amounts of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol as contaminants," the WHO said in a medical product alert. The ingredients can cause abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhoea, headache and severe renal injury, it added.

Pawan Kumar, paediatrician, Madhukar Rainbow Children's Hospital, Delhi, said diethylene glycol was used as an illegal adulterant in medications and could result in renal and neurological toxicity.

"Because of its toxicity, it is not allowed in food or drugs. But because of its solubility, some drug makers have inappropriately substituted it for non-toxic ingredients such as glycerine in pharmaceuticals such as cough syrups and acetaminophen. Acute kidney failure is the number one cause of death in poisoning cases, and it starts between eight and 24 hours after exposure to lethal doses of substance. If people don't get treatment, symptoms progress to multi-organ failure in two to seven days," he said.

## Pharmexcil asks firm to share details

**N. Ravi Kumar**
HYDERABAD

The Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) on Thursday put on watch Maiden Pharmaceuticals, the drug-maker named in a medical product alert by the World Health Organization.

The exporters body under the Union Commerce Ministry asked the firm to share details of the licensees and importers to whom the drugs were supplied as well as manufacturing licence copies and product permissions of the products.

"You are advised to investigate reasons of the serious adverse events and update us with your findings at the earliest to take necessary further action," Pharmexcil said.

Failure to provide the information sought by October 7 will result in the company's registration-cum-membership certificate being suspended without further notice, the organisation said.

"As far as WHO is concerned our manufacturer is involved... it is very serious," Pharmexcil Director-General Ravi Udaya Bhaskar said, calling for speeding up the process of investigation.

# Supply constraints dented coal-biomass mixing, says Minister

**Jacob Koshy**
NEW DELHI

**Several power plant operators have not met the target of replacing 5% of their coal with biomass**

India's thermal power plant operators were unable to comply with norms that required them to mix coal with a certain proportion of biomass because of inadequate supply chains, Union Power Minister R.K. Singh said on Thursday.

The proceedings of an inter-ministerial meeting of the Environment, Agriculture and Power Ministries on Monday expressed concern over several operators not meeting the target of replacing 5% of their coal with biomass.

Biomass pellets have the same calorific value as coal and mixing them with coal saves consumption and cuts emissions.

"Supply chains have to be built up. You cannot co-fire biomass by itself and you have to torrefy it, facilities for which are coming up," said Mr. Singh at a press conference to announce a meeting of the International Solar Alliance, scheduled here, later this month.

As *The Hindu* had reported, in 2020-21, only eight power plants had co-fired biomass pellets, and this number had risen to 39 as of Monday.

To put that number in perspective, India has around 180 thermal power plants.

As of Monday, 83,066 tonnes of biomass have been co-fired in 39 thermal power plants across the country and has generated close to 55,390 MW of power.

# 'Can read, talk': Vyommitra's skills get a lift-off with digital grey matter

**Tiki Rajwi**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Vyommitra, the humanoid designed and developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to fly aboard unmanned test missions ahead of the Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission, is undergoing pre-flight ground tests at the ISRO Inertial Systems Unit (IISU) here.

Over the past few months, the IISU has successfully integrated it with a computer "brain", which enables it to "read" control panels aboard the unmanned test flights and communicate with the ISRO ground stations, IISU Director Sam Dayala Dev told *The Hindu*.

The ISRO and the IISU were in the news when they unveiled Vyommitra, a "female" robot astronaut, in 2020. Vyommitra is a half-humanoid lacking lower limbs. The IISU was responsible for the design, development, and integration of the robot, while the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) at Thumba here developed its fingers.

The AI-enabled robot is designed to fly aboard a rocket, withstanding vibrations and shock during the flight.

The AI-enabled robot is designed to fly aboard a rocket, withstanding vibrations and shock during the flight, he said. It has been designed to resemble a human with facial expressions and speech and sight capabilities, he said.

"It has a certain level of intelligence. What we intend is that it should operate and read the display panels and communicate back to us using its own voice," Mr. Dev said. Vyommitra will fly aboard the first unmanned test flight ahead of the manned Gaganyaan flight expected in 2024.

The IISU, which designs and develops navigational systems for ISRO launch vehicles, had special teams working on the humanoid over the past several months. In the meantime, Vyommitra is set to get a digital twin. The "twin" will undergo computer simulations where the control systems are tested for microgravity conditions. The twin will be developed in collaboration with academic institutions such as the IITs.

In September, Minister of State for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh indicated that the first unmanned test-flight of the Gaganyaan mission would take place this year. The Gaganyaan programme would demonstrate human spaceflight by sending a crew to a 400-km low earth orbit and bringing them back safely.

**Watch** | Vyommitra, ISRO's newly introduced half-humanoid
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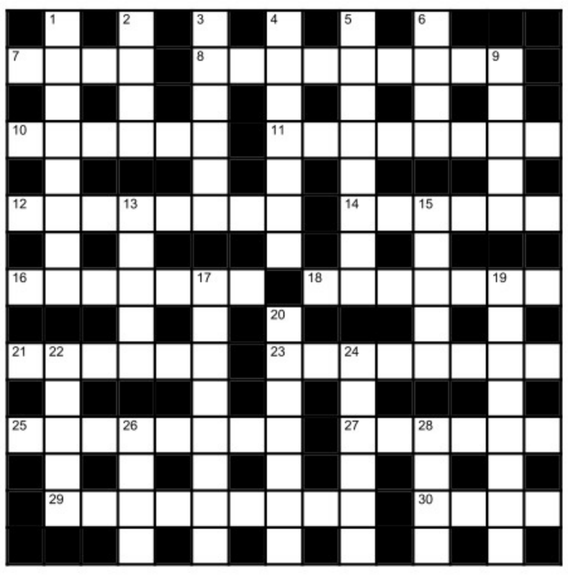

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**15** South Carolina university lecturer left a type of oar (5)
**17** Stress, "*European member of parliament has one son" (8)*
**19** Supports for orators' materials made from select Nevada redwood initially (8)
**20** Say, "Balm preparation is very bad" (7)
**22** Upper class people landed within boundaries of estate (5)
**24** Go around Earl and shriek (6)
**26** Feline returns, having love for food (4)
**28** Ache from repainting (4)

## SUDOKU

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**Solution to puzzle 13678**

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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## FAITH

### Pen pictures of Gokula

The Gopikas often brought complaints against Krishna to Yasoda. Periyazhvar imagines such scenarios in his verses, said M.A. Venkatakrishnan in a discourse.

One Gopika went to her neighbour's house to get wood to light her cooking fire. Instead of returning at once, she stayed awhile, chatting with her neighbour. Krishna used her absence to drink up all the milk in her house. Another complaint was about a little girl losing her bangles. The girl was alone at home. Krishna asked her to part with her gold bangles so that He could buy some jamun fruits with them. She agreed. When her mother returned home, she found her daughter's bangles missing and when the girl was questioned, she told her mother about Krishna and the jamun fruits. The Gopika had scolded Krishna. But Krishna's reply was that He did not know what she was talking about, and He had done nothing wrong. Manavala Mamunigal elaborates on Krishna's declaration of His innocence. An expansion of "I did no wrong," would be a series of questions by Krishna, in the manner of a clever lawyer: "Did you see me go into your house? Did you see me talk to your daughter? Did you see Me asking her for her bangles to buy fruits with? How then can you accuse Me, when you have no evidence against Me?"

Periyazhwar's outpouring also includes verses describing Krishna's flute playing. When Krishna played the flute, His eyebrows were drawn together. When the music flowed from His flute, birds left their nests and did not move their feathers, so that they could listen to the music. Cows which had pulled up grass to chew on stood still. Even their ears did not move.

PARIS

## At least 82 people killed in Iran crackdown since Sept 30: Amnesty

At least 82 people have been killed by Iranian security forces in the city of Zahedan in the southeastern Sistan-Baluchistan province since protests erupted there on September 30, Amnesty International said on Thursday. Iranian officials have characterised the unrest as attacks by "extremists" on police stations. AFP

SEOUL

## North Korea fires two ballistic missiles, blames U.S. for 'escalation'

North Korea fired two ballistic missiles on Thursday and claimed its recent blitz of sanctions-busting tests were necessary countermeasures against joint military drills by the U.S. and South Korea. The recent launches were "the just counteraction measures of the Korean People's Army", the Foreign Ministry said. AFP

YANGON

## Myanmar junta jails Japanese filmmaker for 10 years

Myanmar's junta has jailed a Japanese filmmaker for 10 years, more than two months after he was arrested while filming an anti-coup protest, a military spokesman said on Thursday. Toru Kubota, 26, was detained near an anti-government rally in commercial hub Yangon in July along with two Myanmar citizens. AFP

MEXICO

## Gun attack in Mexico leaves at least 18 dead; cartel involved

Gunmen in southern Mexico killed at least 18 people in an attack on Wednesday, including the town's mayor, authorities said. The attack happened in San Miguel Totolapan in Guerrero state. Press reports said the attack was staged by the Los Tequileros gang, which is affiliated with Jalisco Nueva Generacion, a drug cartel. AP

# Ex-policeman kills 22 children at daycare centre in Thailand

The victims were mostly stabbed to death; the attacker later shot dead his wife and child, before killing himself; he was dismissed from police service last year over drug allegations

**Reuters**
BANGKOK

A former policeman killed 38 people, including 22 children, in a knife and gun rampage at a daycare centre in Thailand on Thursday, later shooting dead his wife and child at their home before turning his weapon on himself, police said.

The children at the daycare centre in Uthai Sawan, a town 500 km northeast of Bangkok, were mostly stabbed to death, they said.

Police identified the attacker as a former member of the force who was dismissed from his post last year over drug allegations and he was facing trial on a drugs charge.

The man had been in court earlier in the day and had then gone to the daycare centre to collect his child, police spokesperson Paisal Luesomboon told broadcaster *ThaiPBS*.

When he did not find his child there, he began the killing spree, Mr. Paisal said. "He started shooting, slashing, killing children at the Utai Sawan daycare centre." Videos posted on social media showed sheets covering what appeared to be the bodies of children lying in pools of blood in the garden of the daycare centre. *Reuters* could not immediately authenticate the footage.

**Cold-blooded:** The body of the suspected shooter inside a body bag at Na Klang Hospital following a mass killing at a daycare centre in Uthai Sawan, Thailand, on Thursday. REUTERS

About 30 children were at the facility when the attacker arrived, fewer than usual, as heavy rain had kept many people away, district official Jidapa Boonsom, who was working in a nearby office at the time. "The shooter came in around lunch time and shot four or five officials at the childcare centre first," Ms. Jidapa said.

The attacker forced his way into a locked room where the children were sleeping, Ms. Jidapa said. She said she thought he killed children there with a knife, adding that a teacher who was eight months pregnant was also stabbed to death. Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-Ocha, in a statement on Facebook, called the shooting a "shocking incident".

# India abstains on Sri Lanka vote at UN Human Rights Council

**Meera Srinivasan**
COLOMBO

India on Thursday abstained from voting on a resolution on Sri Lanka at the UN Human Rights Council, while observing that Sri Lanka's progress in implementing commitments on the 13th Amendment, meaningful devolution and early provincial elections remains "inadequate".

"Achieving prosperity for all Sri Lankans and realising the legitimate aspirations of Tamils of Sri Lanka for prosperity, dignity and peace are two sides of the same coin," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Indra Mani Pande said. As an immediate neighbour, India has "substantively contributed" to the relief, rehabilitation, resettlement and reconstruction process in Sri Lanka after 2009 and more recently provided "unprecedented assistance" to the people of Sri Lanka to face the challenges of the recent economic crisis, he said. India had abstained last year, too.

Further, India has "taken note" of the Sri Lankan government's commitments on the implementation of commitments "in the spirit of the 13th Constitutional Amendment", meaningful devolution and the early conduct of provincial elections, Mr. Pande said, underscoring India's long-standing concern over power devolution in Sri Lanka, an issue that also found mention in the resolution.

Ali Sabry

### Inadequate progress

"We believe that the progress towards the same remains inadequate. Accordingly, we urge the Government of Sri Lanka to work meaningfully towards early implementation of these commitments," the Indian diplomat said.

The resolution titled 'Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka' was adopted by the Council after 20 of its 47 members voted in its favour. While 20 countries abstained, seven – including China and Pakistan – voted against it, effectively backing the Sri Lankan government. Prior to the vote, Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Ali Sabry told the Council that the government "categorically rejects" the "manifestly unhelpful" resolution. He had earlier said the Council was "polarised", and that its resolutions were "all geopolitics".

The government, he said on Thursday, especially opposed the resolution reinforcing the Office of the High Commissioner's capacity to "collect, consolidate, analyse, and preserve" information and evidence pertaining to rights violations, and to "support relevant judicial and other proceedings, including in Member States, with competent jurisdiction".

### Impartial investigation

The resolution called upon the Government of Sri Lanka to ensure the prompt, thorough and impartial investigation and, if warranted, prosecution of all alleged crimes relating to human rights violations and serious violations of international humanitarian law, including for long-standing emblematic cases, with the full participation of victims and their representatives. It also urged the government to address the ongoing economic crisis, including "by investigating and, where warranted, prosecuting corruption, including where committed by public and former public officials". Mr. Sabry accused the Core Group of nations that tabled the resolution of going beyond its mandate by including economic issues.

Sri Lanka's largest Tamil grouping in Parliament, the Tamil National Alliance (TNA), thanked the Core Group for keeping Sri Lanka's rights record on the Human rights Council's agenda for a decade. "It has helped maintain international oversight on accountability and reconciliation. Although we would like to see more decisive action [on the ground], we know this is the intervention that is possible for the Council," TNA spokesman M.A. Sumanthiran told *The Hindu*.

## Abducted Sikh family found dead in U.S.

**Press Trust of India**
LOS ANGELES

"There's a special place in hell for this guy," the Sheriff Vern Warnke of Merced County in California has said of the suspect Jesus Manuel Salgadowho, who is suspected to have abducted four members of an Indian-origin Sikh family, including a 8-month-old baby girl. They were found dead in an orchard.

Sheriff Warnke said that there was no evidence currently to indicate Salgado knew the family prior to the kidnapping. Salgado was convicted in 2005 of armed robbery.

## Indian-origin college student killed in U.S.

**Press Trust of India**
WASHINGTON

A 20-year-old Indian-origin student was killed in his dormitory in the U.S. state of Indiana and his Korean roommate was taken into custody, according to media reports. Varun Manish Chheda from Indianapolis, who was studying at Purdue University, was found dead on the western edge of the campus, the police said on Wednesday.

Authorities said the incident happened in a room on the first floor of McCutcheon Hall. Chheda died of "multiple sharp force traumatic injuries,"

Students leave notes and lights during a vigil for Varun Manish Chheda on Wednesday. AP

and the manner of death was homicide, according to autopsy results. Another university student was arrested on a murder charge on Wednesday, *NBC News* quoted the school's police chief as saying.

## Recaptured vast tracts of key Kherson region: Ukraine

**Agence France-Presse**
KYIV

Ukraine said Thursday that it had wrested Russian troops out from swathes of the southern Kherson region, pushing a counter-offensive that has undermined the Kremlin's claim to have annexed the territories.

The announcement came after a barrage of devastating Russian bombardments of the city of Zaporizhzhia that left several civilians dead in an attack Kyiv said was a deliberate attempt to "sow fear" among the population.

Ukraine's military has

**The Ukrainian push is putting further strain on the Kremlin's announcement last week that it had annexed the territory**

not only said it was reclaiming territory in the south, but also in the eastern Lugansk and Donetsk regions, that have been partially controled by Kremlin proxy forces since 2014.

Kherson, a region with an estimated pre-war population of around one million people, was captured early and easily by Moscow's troops after their invasion launched February 24 and was occupied by the forces for months.

The Ukrainian push deeper into Kherson is putting further strain on the Kremlin's announcement last week that it had annexed the territory – alongside three others – and that its residents were Russian "forever".

The four territories – Donetsk, Kherson, Lugansk and Zaporizhzhia – create a land corridor between Russia and the Crimean peninsula, which was annexed by Moscow in 2014.

## 'U.S. thinks Ukraine is behind Dugina's death'

**Reuters**
LONDON

U.S. intelligence agencies believe parts of the Ukrainian government approved a car bomb attack near Moscow in August that killed Darya Dugina, the daughter of a prominent Russian nationalist, the *New York Times* reported, citing unidentified officials.

*Reuters* could not immediately verify the report.

### Officials rebuked

The United States took no part in the attack on Dugina and was not aware of it ahead of time, the *Times* reported. American officials admonished Ukrainian officials over the assassination, the *Times* said.

The paper said some U.S. officials suspected Dugina's father, Alexander Dugin, a vocal supporter of what Russia calls its "special military operation" in Ukraine, was the actual target of the assassination.

Ukraine denied involvement in the killing, while Russia's Federal Security Service accused Ukraine's secret services of being behind it. Mykhailo Podolyak, a Ukrainian presidential advisor, told *Reuters* on Thursday that Dugina had been of no interest to Kyiv before she was killed.

## Biden doesn't exclude meeting Putin at G-20

**Agence France-Presse**
WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden on Thursday did not rule out meeting with Russian leader Vladimir Putin during the G-20 summit next month in Asia.

"That remains to be seen," the United States leader told reporters when asked if he'd use the G-20 gathering in Bali, Indonesia, as an opportunity to talk directly with Mr. Putin. The White House has previously said such a meeting is not excluded.

However, travel plans for both men remain unconfirmed currently and the White House has said that if Mr. Putin attends the G-20 summit, then Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelensky, should also participate, even if Ukraine is not a member of the group.

## At 34, Burkina's new junta chief is world's youngest leader

**Agence France-Presse**
OUAGADOUGOU

Just a week ago, 34-year-old Ibrahim Traore was an unknown, even in his native Burkina Faso. But in the space of a weekend, he catapulted himself from Army captain to the world's youngest leader – an ascent that has stoked hopes but also fears for a poor and chronically troubled country.

Mr. Traore, at the head of a core of disgruntled junior officers, ousted Lieutenant-Colonel Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba, who had seized power just in January.

Ibrahim Traore

The motive for the latest coup – as in January – was anger at failures to stem a seven-year jihadist insurgency that has claimed thousands of lives and driven nearly two million people from their homes.

On Wednesday, Mr. Traore was declared President and "guarantor of national independence, territorial integrity... and continuity of the State".

At that lofty moment, Mr. Traore became the world's youngest leader, wresting the title from Chilean President Gabriel Boric, a whole two years older.

Mr. Traore's previously unknown face is now plastered on portraits around the capital Ouagadougou.

Mr. Traore was born in Bondokuy, in western Burkina Faso, and studied geology in Ouagadougou before joining the army in 2010.

He graduated as an officer from the Georges Namonao Military School – a second-tier institution compared to the prestigious Kadiogo Military Academy (PMK) of which Damiba and others in the elite are alumni.

### Posting in Mali

He served in the badly-hit north and centre of the country before heading to a posting in neighbouring Mali in 2018 in the UN's MINUSMA peacekeeping mission.

He was appointed captain in 2020.

When Mr. Damiba took power in January, ousting elected president Roch Marc Christian Kabore, Mr. Traore became a member of the Patriotic Movement for Preservation and Restoration (MPSR), as the junta chose to call itself.

In March, Mr. Damiba promoted Mr. Traore to head of artillery in the Kaya regiment in the centre of the country. But it was a move that ironically would sow the seeds of Mr. Damiba's own downfall.

## INBRIEF

### NHIT to raise ₹1,500 crore via non-convertible debentures

National Highways Infrastructure Trust (NHIT), a registered infrastructure investment trust under the InvIT Regulations and sponsored by the NHAI, has filed its draft prospectus with SEBI to raise ₹1,500 crore by issuing non-convertible debentures.

The net proceeds are proposed to be utilised towards infusion of debt into the project SPV of NHIT, repayment of the bridge loan facility of NHIT and general corporate purposes.

### Zydus wins USFDA nod for generic anti-epilepsy drug

Drugmaker Zydus Lifesciences received the United States Food and Drug Administration's (USFDA) approval to market Brivaracetam tablets. An anti-epileptic drug, the approved product is a generic of multinational pharma firm UCB's Briviact. The drug had annual sales of $412 million in the U.S., the company said citing IQVIA data. Brivaracetam is used in the treatment of partial-onset seizures in patients four years of age and older. The drug would be made at the group's formulation facility in Ahmedabad.

### Mahindra unit, Actis set up industrial, logistics realty JV

Mahindra Lifespace Developers Ltd. said it has entered into an agreement with global investor Actis to establish a joint venture platform for developing industrial and logistics real estate facilities across India. Up to 100 acres of land with ready infrastructure in the two Mahindra World Cities, offering a built-up potential of more than two million square feet, has been earmarked to be developed by the platform. The total investment in the business over the initial years is estimated at ₹2,200 crore, they said.

# Services sector growth slows to 6-month low, PMI suggests

Price pressures, intense competition and unfavourable public policies have hurt expansion, S&P Global's India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) survey for September indicates

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

India's services sector stuttered in September as new business and output growth grew at the slowest pace since March, as per the S&P Global India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), which eased to 54.3 from August's robust 57.2 level.

September marked the 14th successive month of services sector growth, but price pressures, increased competition and 'unfavourable public policies slowed momentum, as per the survey-based PMI.

The moderation in growth also dampened job creation from August. Yet, business confidence continued to revive, with sentiment last month at its highest level in more than seven-and-a-half years.

**Price grip:** Transport, information and communication posted the sharpest upturn in user charges. R. RAGU

Input cost inflation remained close to August levels while selling price increases slowed to the lowest pace since March. Transport, information and communication posted the sharpest upturn in user charges levied by firms, while consumer services reported the biggest spike in cost burdens owing to higher energy, food, labour and material costs.

"Weak external demand weighed on overall sales, with international orders declining further... monthly contractions have been recorded in each month since the onset of COVID," S&P Global said.

"The steep depreciation of the rupee... presents additional challenges" including risks of imported inflation and higher interest rates, warned Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

## Govt. releases ₹7,183-crore deficit grant to 14 States

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry on Thursday released the monthly instalment of revenue deficit grant of ₹7,183 crore to 14 States.

With the release of the seventh instalment for the month of October, the total amount of Revenue Deficit Grants released to the States in the current fiscal has gone up to ₹50,282.92 crore, according to an official statement. The Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant is released, based on the recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission, to Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

## SpiceJet to receive ₹1,000 cr. via ECLGS

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Additional credit assurance helps settle the 'survivability debate' once and for all

Cash-strapped SpiceJet will receive an additional ₹1,000 crore under the revised Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme enabling it to "settle the survivability debate", an airline official said, on condition of anonymity.

"The additional funding will rejuvenate SpiceJet, help it clear all statutory dues, lessor payments, induct new MAX planes [and] operate a younger fleet which will increase operational efficiency," the senior executive said. SpiceJet has already received almost ₹350 crore. With additional credit assured, prospects for raising $200 million more would improve, the official added.

## Dabur flags 200 bps Q2 margin hit on inflation

**Reuters**
BENGALURU

Consumer goods major Dabur India warned that soaring inflation during the second quarter could lower its operating margin by about 150-200 basis points year-on-year, while revenue likely grew in mid-single digits.

"During the quarter, inflation was at peak levels which impacted gross margins," Dabur said in a filing.

## Mercedes eyeing 25% of sales from EVs: MD

**The Hindu Bureau**
CHENNAI

Mercedes-Benz India expects to garner 25% of sales from electric cars over five years given the rapid adoption rate, according to MD and CEO Martin Schwenk.

"We have a portfolio of 25 cars in India," Mr. Schwenk said. "Over the next five years, we hope to have at least 25% of our sales number to come from the new segment (EVs) and grow further substantially," he said in an interview.

"With the launch of EQS (e-luxury car), it should open door for future investment in India," he said.

Enthused by the response to EQS, the firm would be unveiling EQB, a seven-seater e-SUV, soon.

## MARKETS

### MARKET WATCH

| | THURSDAY | %CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Sensex | 58,222 | 0.27 |
| US Dollar | 81.94 | -0.39 |
| Gold | 52,220 | 3.03 |
| Brent oil | 94.17 | — |

### NIFTY 50

| | PRICE | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Adani Enter | 3285.00 | 47.30 |
| Adani Ports | 824.10 | 1.05 |
| Apollo Hosp | 4390.50 | -13.90 |
| Asian Paints | 3328.95 | -8.80 |
| Axis Bank | 755.10 | 12.30 |
| Bajaj Auto | 3594.65 | 15.05 |
| Bajaj Finserv | 1710.55 | 9.40 |
| Bajaj Finance | 7404.15 | -84.55 |
| Bharti Airtel | 788.60 | -20.10 |
| BPCL | 312.15 | 0.70 |
| Britannia Ind | 3767.55 | -50.60 |
| Cipla | 1134.45 | -10.20 |
| Coal India | 233.50 | 10.25 |
| Divis Lab | 3733.00 | -47.10 |
| Dr Reddys Lab | 4397.55 | -16.40 |
| Eicher Motors | 3531.35 | -23.65 |
| Grasim Ind | 1683.10 | -0.80 |
| HCL Tech | 964.55 | 18.55 |
| HDFC | 2316.10 | -33.35 |
| HDFC Bank | 1437.00 | -16.00 |
| HDFC Life | 529.65 | -2.30 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 2646.10 | 24.30 |
| Hindalco | 412.65 | 18.60 |
| Hind Unilever | 2614.00 | -53.95 |
| ICICI Bank | 885.45 | 17.80 |
| IndusInd Bank | 1200.90 | -18.35 |
| Infosys | 1455.15 | 25.75 |
| ITC | 336.65 | 3.80 |
| JSW Steel | 674.45 | 31.25 |
| Kotak Bank | 1818.90 | -3.35 |
| L&T | 1912.95 | 41.40 |
| M&M | 1256.90 | -3.45 |
| Maruti Suzuki | 8703.00 | 12.50 |
| NestleIndia | 19300.15 | 48.30 |
| NTPC | 162.90 | 0.35 |
| ONGC | 132.65 | -1.25 |
| PowerGrid Corp | 206.30 | -2.15 |
| Reliance Ind | 2422.10 | 8.90 |
| SBI Life | 1245.15 | -15.50 |
| State Bank | 537.30 | 4.60 |
| Sun Pharma | 953.90 | 9.35 |
| TataConsumerProduct | 794.30 | 9.15 |
| Tata Motors | 414.10 | 6.20 |
| Tata Steel | 103.55 | 2.40 |
| TCS | 3101.95 | 10.80 |
| Tech Mahindra | 1031.30 | 3.00 |
| Titan | 2592.85 | 7.75 |
| UltraTech Cement | 6287.25 | -20.30 |
| UPL | 686.00 | -3.95 |
| Wipro | 410.15 | 4.65 |

### EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 06

| CURRENCY | TT BUY | TT SELL |
|---|---|---|
| US Dollar | 81.68 | 82.00 |
| Euro | 80.72 | 81.03 |
| British Pound | 91.92 | 92.30 |
| Japanese Yen (100) | 56.42 | 56.65 |
| Chinese Yuan | 11.47 | 11.53 |
| Swiss Franc | 83.00 | 83.32 |
| Singapore Dollar | 57.29 | 57.53 |
| Canadian Dollar | 59.69 | 59.92 |
| Malaysian Ringitt | 17.60 | 17.69 |
| Australian Dollar | 52.73 | 52.94 |

Source:Indian Bank

# Sport

## Ninth edition of the Pro Kabaddi League from today

**Ready to rock:** The 12 captains with the glittering PKL Trophy on the eve of the ninth edition.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**N. Sudarshan**
BENGALURU

The ninth edition of the Pro Kabaddi League will get underway at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium on Friday with the match between defending champion Dabang Delhi and U Mumba.

The League missed its date in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic before returning in 2021-22, sheathed within a bio-bubble.

The latest edition will be a throwback to those greener times when fans lapped up the action in stadia. This year, the 12-team caravan is set to traverse three cities – Bengaluru, Pune and Hyderabad.

"Spectators are at the heart of any sport and we will look to set new benchmarks for in-stadia fan activities this season," said Anupam Goswami, the League commissioner.

"There is no success in sport without succeeding with the fans."

**Big change**

On the mat, the biggest change will be that of Pawan Kumar Sehrawat swapping the colours of Bengaluru Bulls for Tamil Thalaivas. The League's best raider for the past three years became the costliest-ever buy at the auction in August as Thalaivas splurged ₹2.26 crore to secure his services.

Then there is Delhi's Naveen Kumar, adjudged the Most Valuable Player for the last two years, who has now been elevated as captain.

"There is no pressure," Naveen said on Thursday.

"I am the captain but with leadership you also become more responsible. I am looking forward to the season."

**Goal machine:** Haaland was on the field for only the first half, but still managed to score twice for City. AP

## City on the rampage again; PSG held

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

**Associated Press**
GENEVA

Manchester City and Real Madrid marched on with a third straight win in the Champions League, and former Madrid coach Julen Lopetegui was fired by struggling Sevilla minutes after a 4-1 loss at home to Borussia Dortmund.

Paris Saint-Germain was held for the first time despite Lionel Messi's fine opening goal in a 1-1 draw at Benfica.

Erling Haaland was needed on the field for only the first half yet still scored twice in what has become a routine rout for Man City this season, 5-0 at home to Copenhagen.

It is now five goals in three Champions League games and 19 in 12 club games overall for the relentless Norwegian forward.

PSG went to Benfica tied on six points and left tied on seven after a lively, well-matched game in Lisbon.

Messi's 127th career goal in the Champions League was a curling shot after linking passes with fellow star forwards Kylian Mbappe and Neymar.

Also in Group H, Juventus closed the gap on the leaders with its first points in a 3-1 win over Maccabi Haifa. France midfielder Adrien Rabiot scored in each half.

Chelsea got its first win in the competition for new coach Graham Potter, cruising past AC Milan 3-0, though Salzburg now leads Group E.

**The results: Group E:** Salzburg 1 (Okafor 71-pen) bt Dinamo Zagreb 0; Chelsea 3 (Fofana 24, Aubameyang 56, James 62) bt AC Milan 0.
**Group F:** RB Leipzig 3 (Nkunku 27, Silva 64, 77) bt Celtic 1 (Jota 47); Real Madrid 2 (Rodrygo 13, Vinicius 28) bt Shakhtar Donetsk 1 (Zubkov 39).
**Group G:** Manchester City 5 (Haaland 7, 32, Khocholava 39-og, Mahrez 55-pen, Alvarez 76) bt FC Copenhagen 0; Sevilla 1 (En-Nesyri 51) lost to Borussia Dortmund 4 (Guerreiro 6, Bellingham 41, Adeyemi 43, Brandt 75).
**Group H:** Benfica 1 (Danilo 41-og) drew with Paris Saint-Germain 1 (Messi 22); Juventus 3 (Rabiot 35, 83, Vlahovic 50) bt Maccabi Haifa 1 (David 75).

## India has enough strength to win the T20 WC, says Shastri

CRICKET

**S. Dipak Ragav**
CHENNAI

Former India head coach Ravi Shastri believes that despite the absence of Jasprit Bumrah and Ravindra Jadeja, the team has enough firepower to do well in the upcoming ICC T20 World Cup.

After winning the inaugural edition in 2007, India's record at the global T20 event has been sub-par.

"I think we have got enough strength. We are a good team and if you make the semis, it could be anyone's tournament.

"So the endeavour will be to start well, get to the semis and then you have enough strength to win the cup," said Shastri.

When asked about how big a hit will the absence of Bumrah be, the former India skipper and commentator said, "With Bumrah not being there, Jadeja not being there, it hampers a side but it is also an opportunity to unearth a new champion. "There is so much cricket being played, people can get injured, but there is nothing you can do about an injury."

On the option of Mohammed Shami as a replacement, Shastri said, "India has been there (in Australia) a lot in six years and he has been an integral part of all those tours and that experience counts."

Shastri was in the city on Thursday for the launch of Coaching Beyond cricket academy at the Lalaji Memorial Omega International School.

Coaching Beyond, founded by Shastri, B. Arun and R. Sridhar, also has a centre in Hyderabad.

**LIVE TELECAST**

**National Games**: DD Sports, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30 a.m.
**Women's Asia Cup**: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
**Australia vs WI**: 2nd T20I, Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.40 p.m.
**ISL**: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
**ProKabaddi League**: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 9 p.m.

**Opening strike:** Shastri and Arun at the launch of Coaching Beyond Cricket Academy in Chennai on Thursday. M. VEDHAN

# Samson's late blitz not enough as India falls short in opening one-dayer against South Africa

**The India No. 6 scores an unbeaten 86 off 63 deliveries with nine fours and three sixes and nearly pulls it off for the Men in Blue; Shreyas (50) and Shardul (33) play good supporting roles; Maharaj (8-1-23-1) puts the brakes on the hosts' chase; Klaasen (74 not out) and Miller (75 not out) power the South Africa innings with an undefeated 139-run stand for the fifth wicket**

**Battling it out:** Samson kept India in the hunt with a superb knock. R.V. MOORTHY

SA IN INDIA

**Rakesh Rao**
LUCKNOW

First with the bat and later with the ball, South Africa struck India between the ears. As a result, the outcome became a foregone conclusion in the rain-shortened 40-over-a-side ODI here on Thursday.

Eventually, if the nine-run margin of victory for South Africa was less than impressive, it was due to some late flourish by Sanju Samson (86 not out, 63b, 9x4, 3x6).

With 30 needed off the final over, bowled by Tabraiz Shamsi, Samson hit 19 of the 20 runs scored.

In fact, once half-centurions Heinrich Klaasen and David Miller pulled the Proteas out of the tightening Indian grip with an unconquered 139-run stand and Kagiso Rabada and Wayne Parnell delivered early blows, the host was always behind the eight ball.

Chasing 250, India lost openers Shubman Gill and skipper Shikhar Dhawan cheaply. They fell during a spell of 25 successive dot-balls that included three maiden overs – two from Rabada and one from Parnell. In conditions that assisted swing and movement, the pace duo bowled a disciplined line and hit the right length.

While left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj kept the Indians on a tight leash, Ishan Kishan and debutant Ruturaj Gaikwad also disappointed as India was left reeling at 51 for four.

Shreyas Iyer's 37-ball half-century, during a 67-run stand with Sanju Samson, followed.

Samson, after struggling early on in his innings, delighted the crowd with some big hits and raised 93 with Shardul Thakur (33).

**SCOREBOARD**

**SOUTH AFRICA**
Janneman Malan c Shreyas b Shardul 22 *(42b, 3x4)*, Quinton de Kock lbw b Bishnoi 48 *(54b, 5x4)*, Temba Bavuma b Shardul 8 *(12b, 2x4)*, Aiden Markram b Kuldeep 0 *(5b)*, Heinrich Klaasen (not out) 74 *(65b, 6x4, 2x6)*, David Miller (not out) 75 *(63b, 5x4, 3x6)*; Extras (b-2, lb-4, w-15, nb-1): 22; Total (for four wkts. in 40 overs): 249.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-49 (Malan, 12.1 overs), 2-70 (Bavuma, 14.6), 3-71 (Markram, 15.6), 4-110 (de Kock, 22.2)

**INDIA BOWLING**
Siraj 8-0-49-0, Avesh 8-0-51-0, Shardul 8-1-35-2, Bishnoi 8-0-69-1, Kuldeep 8-0-39-1.

**INDIA**
Shikhar Dhawan b Parnell 4 *(16b)*, Shubman Gill b Rabada 3 *(7b)*, Ruturaj Gaikwad st. de Kock b Shamsi 19 *(42b, 1x4)*, Ishan Kishan c Malan b Maharaj 20 *(37b, 3x4)*, Shreyas Iyer c Rabada b Ngidi 50 *(37b, 8x4)*, Sanju Samson (not out) 86 *(63b, 9x4, 3x6)*, Shardul Thakur c Maharaj b Ngidi 33 *(31b, 5x4)*, Kuldeep Yadav c Bavuma b Ngidi 0 *(1b)*, Avesh Khan c Bavuma b Rabada 3 *(6b)*, Ravi Bishnoi (not out) 4 *(2b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-2, w-14, nb-2): 18; Total (for eight wkts. in 40 overs): 240.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-8 (Gill, 2.4), 2-8 (Dhawan, 5.1), 3-48 (Ruturaj, 16.4), 4-51 (Kishan, 17.4), 5-118 (Shreyas, 26.4), 6-211 (Shardul, 37.3), 7-211 (Kuldeep, 37.4), 8-215 (Avesh, 38.5).

**SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING**
Rabada 8-2-36-2, Parnell 8-1-38-1, Maharaj 8-1-23-1, Ngidi 8-0-52-3, Shamsi 8-0-89-1.

**Toss:** India; **MoM:** Klaasen.
*South Africa won by nine runs to take a 1-0 lead in three-match series.*
**Second ODI: Oct. 9**, Ranchi, 1.30 p.m.

However, the asking rate kept rising. Earlier, the rain god relented in response to the prayers of those in the half-filled stadium.

### Quick wickets

The toss went Dhawan's way and the bowlers nearly justified the decision to put South Africa in. After a 49-run opening stand, Shardul struck twice and Kuldeep Yadav once to put India on top. Ravi Bishnoi, the other debutant, trapped Quinton de Kock for 48, his maiden ODI wicket.

At this stage, India looked in control. But Miller and Klaasen slowly took charge. The former scored his 18th ODI half-century and the latter his fourth as they matched each other's strike-rate and sent the ball past the boundary rope eight times each.

The duo benefited from India's woes in the death overs as the fielders floundered and also dropped catches. Just when Miller and Klaasen were looking to step up a gear, Siraj and Gaikwad dropped catches off Avesh Khan, who conceded 28 of the 54 scored in the last five overs.

Bishnoi, despite his lone wicket, proved the most expensive (one for 69) while Kuldeep Yadav (one for 39) was impressive.

# Sangeeta's controlled performance helps her win individual, team golds

NG ARCHERY

**Y.B. Sarangi**
AHMEDABAD

Sangeeta gave a controlled performance to claim the recurve women's individual and team gold medals in the National Games at the Sanskardham archery ground here on Thursday.

The 22-year-old Sangeeta's performance helped her team Haryana to secure four of five gold medals on offer in the recurve division. Haryana also bagged the men's team and mixed team crowns.

On a cloudy and comparatively pleasant day, Sangeet, hailing from Hisar, defeated young Jharkhand archer Anshika Singh 6-2 (28-25, 26-23, 24-25, 28-26) in the individual final to emerge as the champion. Simranjeet Kaur bagged the bronze medal.

"I just focused on winning the gold medal. There was some wind, but I controlled my shooting and got good scores," said Sangeeta.

Sangeeta who won the women's recurve individual and team gold medals. VIJAY SONEJI

Later, Sangeeta joined hands with Bhajan Kaur and Preeti to beat the star-studded Jharkhand trio of Komalika Bari, Ankita Bhakat and Dipti Kumari 5-4 (shoot-off 28-27) in a closely-fought women's team summit clash. The bronze went to host Gujarat.

Akash and Bhajan pipped Maharashtra's Gaurav Lambe and Charuta Kamalpur 5-4 (shoot-off 19-16) for the top honour in the mixed team event. Jharkhand finished third.

Haryana got the men's team title as well. Services could not compete in the final as one of its team members, Olympian Pravin Jadhav, was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday because of dengue.

Atanu Das shone amid Haryana archers' dominance as the Olympian beat a seasoned rival and last edition's silver medallist Gurucharan Besra 6-4 (27-27, 28-27, 27-28, 28-28, 29-27) in a keenly-contested final to win his maiden recurve men's individual crown.

Defending champion Tarundeep Rai took the bronze.

# I am happy that the new athletes are listening to us, says Hima Das

ATHLETICS

**Y.B. Sarangi**
GANDHINAGAR

'Dhing Express' Hima Das loves the camaraderie among the experienced and up-and-coming women sprinters on the National scene and hopes that it will help the 4x100m relay team shine on the world stage in the near future.

Having shifted her focus to shorter races, Hima, a former World under-20 champion in 400m and a three time medallist (including two golds in 4x400m relays) in the 2018 Asian Games, feels that good bonding among the sprinters will benefit the team.

At the National Games here, co-competitors Hima and Dutee Chand had encouraged Y. Jyothi prior to the 100m race and the 100m hurdler acknowledged the senior athletes' role in her performance.

Hima threw more light on how well she gelled with Jyothi. "We, the relay team (Hima, Dutee, Srabani Nanda and Jyothi), competed in the Commonwealth Games (and finished fifth with 43.81). Several top countries, barring the USA, were there.

"We will not take much time to touch the top level. We need to maintain our chemistry because we have to make India the best team in the next four years.

"As a responsible athlete, this is an effort to encourage the up-and-coming athletes to move forward. I am happy that the new athletes are listening to us. Jyothi is like my own sister. It feels good. One day we will make the (National) flag fly high," said Hima.

**Gelling well:** Hima's encouragement helped Jyothi win the 100m hurdles on Tuesday. V.V. KRISHNAN

### Encouraging

Hima said the overall scenario of Indian athletics is encouraging. "Indian athletics is going up. Neeraj (Chopra) *bhai* won gold in the Olympics and I had clinched the World under-20 gold (in 2018). People get inspired from such results. The competition is getting tougher and we are enjoying this because good athletes are coming from different corners of the country."

On her own performance at the National Games, Hima, who finished behind Archana Suseendran (23.06) for the silver medal in 200m with 23.61, said she was not well prepared.

### Short preparation

"After the Commonwealth Games, I took some rest. Suddenly the National Games happened and one cannot get a good performance with a short preparation, you need at least six months. I will give my best in the National Open meet even though time is very less."

Hima, who was down with a back injury and COVID issues for two years, looked forward to doing well in the Asian Games. "Now the focus is on the Asian Games and we have got one year in hand," she said.

# Virdhawal Khade enjoying his role as coach

SWIMMING

**M.R.Praveen Chandran**
RAJKOT

As soon as she touched the finish line to beat favourite Maana Patel in 50m freestyle, Avantika Chawan turned around and gave a thumps up sign to a her coach Virdhawal Khade. A smile broke on the face of Khade who till then was standing expressionless on the stands.

It was a special moment for Khade who tasted success as a coach for the first time in the National Games after having won bucketful of medals as a competitor in the event before.

Khade an Asian Games bronze medallist, is enjoying his career as a coach. For the past one year, Khade has been mentoring and training young swimmers at the Khar Gymkhana in Mumbai.

His tryst with coaching started rather accidentally when the regular coach at the Khar Gymkhana quit suddenly and the swimmers didn't have anyone to guide them.

"My wife Rujuta was helping the girls initially and after sometime I got involved with the senior lot and helped them in their training before competitions.

"They liked my approach and since then I have been training them for the past one year. I still haven't decided to become a full-time coach. But I enjoy coaching and it is something I am likely to do in the future."

"There are a couple of good swimmers in the pack. Avantika is a promising swimmer and she is the national champion. It didn't surprise me when she won the gold medal in 50m freestyle here beating Maana Patel."

**Proud master:** It is a good feeling when your trainee wins a gold, says Khade referring to Avantika. RITU RAJ KONWAR

### Medals Table

| | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Services | 41 | 29 | 26 | 96 |
| Haryana | 29 | 23 | 20 | 72 |
| Maharashtra | 24 | 24 | 45 | 93 |
| Tamil Nadu | 19 | 20 | 19 | 58 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 18 | 13 | 12 | 43 |
| Karnataka | 17 | 18 | 29 | 64 |
| Punjab | 14 | 22 | 19 | 55 |
| Kerala | 13 | 15 | 11 | 39 |
| Manipur | 13 | 5 | 11 | 29 |
| West Bengal | 12 | 11 | 16 | 39 |

# NBA in talks to return to India for pre-season soon: Silver

**Ashwin Achal**
ABU DHABI

Buoyed by the success of the NBA India Games 2019, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver stated that the league plans to return to India as quickly as possible. The NBA India Games 2019 featured two pre-season games between the Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers in Mumbai.

"We do have plans to come back to India. Playing the two pre-season games in Mumbai was an incredible experience. Both teams really embraced the experience. We also have (Sacramento Kings owner) Vivek Ranadive, who was born in India.

"It was a great experience, but everything got put on hold because of the pandemic," Silver stated in a press conference here on Thursday. "We have 30 teams in the NBA, so we can engage with fans in many different continents and countries. We've had discussions about returning to India as quickly as possible," Silver said.

Silver. AFP

The development of the sport in India is the primary focus of the league, Silver added. "While pre-season games are special, it is only a moment in time. What we are really focussed on is developing the game throughout India. We will work with FIBA (international basketball federation) to conduct more clinics, more academies, and to help better distribute the game in India," Silver said.

Silver said young French forward Victor Wembanyama could be the league's next big star. Wembanyama is considered one of Europe's best prospects, and is touted to be the first pick in the 2023 NBA draft.

"I could jinx a player by anointing him as the next 'great one'. Victor certainly has all the attributes to be a true game changer. NBA teams are salivating at the notion that they could get him," Silver said.

*(The author is in Abu Dhabi on invitation from NBA India)*

Wembanyama. AFP

# French prodigy gets a taste of NBA

**Agence France-Presse**
HENDERSON (USA)

With an 8-foot wingspan and the shooting touch of a point guard, French prodigy Victor Wembanyama didn't disappoint in his first US appearance. Wembanyama, 18, flew to Nevada with his French league team to showcase the skills that many believe will make him the No. 1 pick in next year's NBA draft.

## INBRIEF

### Tamil Nadu finishes with six medals in squash

Tamil Nadu finished with a rich haul of six medals, including three gold, two silver and a bronze, in the squash event of the 36th National Games at Gandhinagar on Wednesday.

**The results (finals): Men, team: TN bt Maharashtra 2-0** (S. Velavan bt Suraj Chand 11-4, 11-8, 11-5; Abhay Singh bt Rahul Baitha 11-7, 11-9, 11-4); **Singles:** Abhay Singh (TN) bt S. Velavan (TN) 11-2, 11-6, 3-11, 11-8.

**Women, team: Delhi bt TN 2-0** (Anahat Singh bt Rathika Seelan 11-3, 11-5, 11-3; Tanvi Khanna bt Sunayna Kuruvilla 11-5, 11-8, 11-2); **Singles:** Sunayna Kuruvilla (TN) bt Urvashi Joshi (Mah) 9-11, 7-11, 11-3, 11-8, 11-1.

### Kamalesh scores a brace for Bengaluru FC

P. Kamalesh scored a brace as Bengaluru FC beat BUFC 5-1 in the BDFA Super Division League football in Bengaluru on Thursday.

**The results:**
BFC 5 (Monrirul Molla 14, Thoi Singh 22, P. Kamalesh 45+1, 84, Ankith 73) bt BUFC 1 (K.N. Jeevith 23); FC Deccan 1 (Mohammed Shibili 31) drew with Rebels FC 1 (Sowban Hillal Sidiqui 4); Kodagu FC 4 (Gangandeep Mewa Singh 20, Arun Lal 27, Tshering Liobin 42, 45+2) bt Young Challengers FC 1 (Abdul Aziz 46).

### China thumps India 3-0 in men's pre-quarterfinals

Host and top seed China thumped India 3-0 in the men's pre-quarterfinals of the World team table tennis championships at Chengdu on Thursday.

**The result:** China bt India 3-0 (Fan Zhendong bt Harmeet Desai 11-2, 11-9, 11-5; Ma Long bt G. Sathiyan 14-12, 11-5, 11-0; Wang Chuqin bt Manush Shah 11-4, 11-5, 11-6).

# Srihari, Maana and Advait set new records

The Karnataka and Gujarat swimmers set new Games marks in 100m backstroke while the Madhya Pradesh lad breaks Sajan's record in the 800m freestyle category

NG SWIMMING

**M.R. Praveen Chandran**
RAJKOT

The big names in Indian swimming dazzled by setting new games records on the fifth day of the 36th National Games swimming at the Sardar Patel Aquatic Complex here on Thursday.

Olympian Srihari Nataraj broke the existing record in 100m backstroke. Madhya Pradesh's Advait Page and crowd favourite Maana Patel also set new marks.

Nina Venkatesh barged into the record breakers group by setting a new mark in 50m butterfly. Kerala's Sajan Prakash swam to his third gold medal of the meet while winning the 50m butterfly.

**Making a splash:** Srihari won the men's 100m backstroke gold on Thursday. RITU RAJ KONWAR

#### Terrific show

Advait came up with a terrific show in the final 50 metres to upstage leaders Aryan Nehra and Sajan Prakash to win the gold in 800m freestyle. Local lad Aryan set the pace and led for the most part of the race with Sajan behind him.

#### Going all out

Advait, who was far behind the leaders, caught up with them in the final 100 metres. At the homestretch, Advait went all out and finished ahead of Aryan and Sajan with a new record of 8:12.24s.

#### Conserving energy

In the 100m backstroke, Srihari led from the start but slowed down at the finish to conserve energy for the 50m butterfly, his last event.

Srihari still managed to set a new record by clocking 55.80s and broke P.S. Madhu's old mark (57.62s) set in 2015.

However, Srihari looked out of sorts in the 50m butterfly which saw Sajan blitz the field to take the gold in 25.10s.

Maana Patel proved that she is the undisputed queen of backstroke as she effortlessly won the 100m event without any competition.

#### Bettering own mark

Maana broke her own old mark (1:05.32) by clocking 1:04.35s in the final.

In 50m butterfly, Karnataka's Nina Venkatesh bested Divya Satija, who had set a new record (28.76s) in the heats, for the gold. Nina clocked 28.39s for the new mark.

**The results:**

**Men: 800m freestyle:** 1. Advait Page (MP) (8:12.24: NGR; OR: 8:15.49, Sajan Prakash, Kerala, 2015), 2. Aryan Nehra (Guj), 3. Sajan (Ker).

**100m backstroke:** 1. Srihari Nataraj (Kar) (55.80s: NGR; OR: 57.62, P.S. Madhu, SSCB, 2015), 2. V. Vinayak (SSCB) & 3. S. Siva (Kar). **50m butterfly:** 1. Sajan (Ker) (25.10s), 2. Benedicton Rohit (TN), 3. Harsh Saroha (Har).

**Women: 1500m freestyle:** 1. Bhavya Sachdeva (Del) (17:54.97), 2. Vritti Agarwal (Tel), 3. Hashika Ramachandra (Kar).

**100m backstroke:** 1. Maana Patel (Guj) (1:04.35: NGR; OR: 1:05.32, Maana Patel, Gujarat, 2015), 2. Ridhima Veerendra Kumar (Kar), 3. Palak Josh (Mah).

**50m butterfly:** 1. Nina Venkatesh (Kar) (28.39: NGR; OR: 28.78, Divya Satija, Haryana, 2022), 2. Divya (Har), 3. Tanishi Gupta (Kar).

**Ruthless:** Ankushita's combinations were too much for Niharika to handle. V.V. KRISHNAN

# Boxers Jamuna and Ankushita start off with emphatic wins

**Y. B. Sarangi**
GANDHINAGAR

World championships bronze medallist Jamuna Boro and her Assam statemate and World youth champion Ankushita Boro posted emphatic wins to begin their campaign in style at the boxing arena of the National Games here on Thursday.

While Jamuna trounced Nirmal of Nagaland 5-0 in a women's 57kg fight, Ankushita beat former World junior medallist Nikarika Gonella in a 66kg bout to enter the quarterfinals.

Jamuna unsettled Nirmal early by landing a flurry of punches before banking on her swift movements to record a comprehensive victory.

"I wanted to get off to a decent start and live up to the expectations. The going will not be easy as there are many good boxers in my category," said Jamuna.

Ankushita displayed her combinations to trouble Telangana's Niharika, who got as many as four standing counts, before the referee stopped the contest in the final round.

In the men's section, South Asian Games gold medallist Ankit Khatana (75kg) and National champion Sachin Kumar (80kg) registered comfortable wins.

**Important results**
**(preliminary round): 67kg:** Chander Mohan (HP) bt Amit Sheoran (Raj) 5-0, Rayyan MD (Kar) bt Rahul (Utk) 4-1; **75kg:** Ankit Khatana (Har) bt Jitendra Prajapati (DDNH) RSC-R3; Buntee Singh (Del) bt Rahul Hooda (Chd) 4-0, Nikhil Dubey (Mah) bt Priresh Bishnoi (Raj) 4-1; **80kg:** Sachin Kumar (SSCB) bt Sejad Aslam (Guj) 4-1; Harpreet (Chd) bt Bobin Chauhan (HP) 5-0; **92kg:** Parvesh Musharaf (TN) bt Bastab Chetia (Asm) 5-0; **+92kg:** Tarun Kumar (Raj) bt Akash (Del) 5-0; Reynold Joseph (Mah) bt Roshan Sonar (Asm) 5-0.
**Women: 57kg:** Jamuna Boro (Asm) bt Nirmal (Nag) 5-0, Poonam (Har) bt Vinakshi Dhota (HP) 5-0, Samim Banu Khulakpham (Man) bt Jyoti (Del) 5-0; **66kg:** Ankushita Boro (Asm) bt Niharika Gonella (Tel) RSC-R3, Lalita (Raj) bt Shivangi Thakur (HP) 5-0, Anjali Tushir (Del) bt Jyoti Rani (Har) 3-2.

# Indian Super League is 'back home' and ready to roll

**Stan Rayan**
KOCHI

It's party time again in the Hero Indian Super League, with teams and stars coming 'back home' after two years. After being in Goa the last two seasons, and locked in a 'bubble' owing to the global pandemic, the league is now back to its normal home-and-away format.

And what better place to start than in Kochi where Kerala Blasters, the side with the biggest fan base in the ISL, takes on East Bengal at the Nehru Stadium on Friday. It will be a full house for sure.

The 11-team ISL will have a different look and feel this time. Instead of games every day, matches will now be played during weekends or closer to that, from Thursday to Sunday, which will make the season longer. That should be a huge blessing for clubs.

"From a coach's perspective, we have more time to practise, more time to recover in a longer season," said Ivan Vukomanovic, the coach who helped Blasters finish runner-up last season, on Thursday.

"In a short tournament, there is a difference in the way you prepare. And the moment you start, there is no huge gap to train, to try out certain things. And it's bad, because if you're injured, then the season is done for you. When the season is long, there is a chance to recover and play again."

And instead of four teams, for the first time, the top six will make the playoffs.

"The top six playoffs format is more interesting because more teams will be fighting till the end, to get the spot in the top six. Speaking about top four, last year in January, some teams knew they were out and they started playing casually.

It was not the same playing against the same team in November-December when they were still going 100 per cent," said Vukomanovic.

Hyderabad FC, which won its maiden ISL title last season, has retained its goalscoring machine Bartholomew Ogbeche and its core team. Mumbai City has strengthened the side with some very impressive names including Greg Stewart, last season's 'Hero of the League' award winner. And Bengaluru has added Roy Krishna while Goa has grabbed Spaniard Alvaro Vazquez, who played a big role in Blasters finishing runner-up last time.

"But in ISL, anything is possible....anybody can beat anybody," said Vukomanovic.

"There will be some surprises... and teams which are able to manage the long season well, they can hope to achieve nice things."

### The Indian Super League journey

As the ninth edition of the Indian Super League kicks off on Friday, a look at some significant numbers:

**7** Anirudh Thapa will turn out for Chennaiyin colours for the seventh season, making him the longest-serving player with a single club

**18** Ferran Corominas (2017-18) and Bartholomew Ogbeche (2021-22) hold the record for the highest goals in a season

**53** Bartholomew Ogbeche's strikes, the all-time leading scorer

**58** NEUFC and Odisha have suffered the most losses

**62** FC Goa's victories, the highest

**63** The number of Indian goal-scorers in the 2021-22 edition

**120** Goals from the Indian players in the previous edition, most in a season

**128** Mandar Rao Dessai has made the maximum appearances in the league

**267** FC Goa's goal tally, the best in the league

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## KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

### Mayank to lead Karnataka

Mayank Agarwal. R. RAGU

BENGALURU: Mayank Agarwal will take over captaincy duties from Manish Pandey in the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament which begins on Oct. 11.

Karnataka, which will play its games in Mohali, named a 15-man squad on Thursday, which includes a maiden call-up for L.R. Chethan.

The right-hand top-order batter was the second-highest run scorer in the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament this year (447 runs), behind Mayank (496).

Speedster Prasidh Krishna is still recovering from the back spasms which ruled him out of the series against New Zealand-A in September.

There is no space for tweaker K.C. Cariappa. Karnataka will start its campaign against Maharashtra.

**The squad:** Mayank Agarwal (Capt), Devdutt Padikkal, Manish Pandey, L.R. Chethan, Abhinav Manohar, Manoj Bhandage, K. Gowtham, Shreyas Gopal, J. Suchith, Luvnith Sisodia, B.R. Sharath, V. Koushik, V. Vyshak, Vidwath Kaverappa and M. Venkatesh.

### Yash, Smaran and Pradyumna shine for Combined City

Century from N. Yash (102) and half-centuries from R. Smaran (93) and Pradyumna Srivatsa (91) helped Combined City XI upstage Tumkur Zone's mammoth first-innings totla of 452 and secure the lead in a drawn S.A. Srinivasan Memorial under-25 tournament.

**The scores:** Tumkur 452/8 in 90 overs (Dharshan N. Renukesha 46, Nirmith Shashidhar 86, V.N. Sanjay 150, K.B. Shreyas 85, Pranav B.S. Umesh 32, Likhit Bannur 4/131) drew with Combined City XI 459/9 in 89.4 overs (K. Rakshith 32, E.J. Jasper 34, Amod S. Kaluve 71, R. Smaran 93, N. Yash 102, Pradyumna Srivatsa 91, Aevant P. Kothari 25 n.o., M.N. Balaji 3/131, Mushraf Khan 3/117).

President's XI 356 in 79.3 overs (Rohan Nayakar 67, Rishi Bhansali 37, B.A. Mohith 104, Tushar Singh 46, S.M. Shamanth 31, Punitkumar 4/42, Madhav P.Bajaj 3/71) drew with Raichur 220 in 54.2 overs (Prahlad 49, Mahesh Jadhav 25, Bheem Rao 76 n.o., S.M. Shamanth 4/54) & 67/5 in 27 overs (Pralhad 41, G.D. Naman 3/17).

Bangalore City XI 347/6 in 90 overs (Akshan Rao 42, M. Keerthi 103 n.o., Prithvi Sadanand 105, T.N. Varun Rao 31 n.o.) & six for no loss in 2.4 overs drew with Mangalore 185 in 69 overs (Nathan D'Mello 81, Advith M.Shetty 26, T.N. Varun Rao 4/54, Prajwal Pavan 3/14).

Dharwad 238 in 61.5 overs (Pareexith Okkunda 57, Sudhanwa U. Kulkarni 43, Abhishek Ahlawat 3/61, Paras Gurbax Arya 6/82) & 83/5 in 29 overs (Parth Patil 30 n.o., Abhishek Ahlawat 3/10) drew with Bangalore 293 in 70.2 overs (S. Nithin 61, Tanay Valmik 35, Aman Khan 46, S. Aadarsh Prajwal 100, A.C. Rohith Kumar 7/92, Angadraj Sangam Hittalamani 3/24).

Shimoga 153 in 34.0 overs (Abhishek 30, S. Mubarak 61 n.o., M. Utham Aiyappa 5/74) & 216/7 in 54 overs (Younus Ali Baig 91, S.S. Sanjay 29, R. Koushik 27, L. Saishiv Narayan 3/63) drew with Mysore 475/7 in 78.1 overs (B. Dheemanth 88, K.S. Lankesh 96, Gowtham Sagar 119, L. Saishiv Narayan 118, S.S. Sanjay 4/106).

Vice President's XI 402/9 in 90 overs (Lochan S.Gowda 26, Yashwant 134, Aneeshwar Gautam 33, N.A. Chinmay 74, Faizan Khan 57, S. Punith 5/87) drew with Secretary's XI 215 in 50.2 overs (Vinay N. Sagar 55, Abul Hasan Khalid 58, Monish Reddy 72 n.o., N.S. Sachin 4/28) & 66/2 in 23 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 28 n.o., Lochan Appanna 27).

# Endeavour claims Mysore Dasara Sprint Championship

RACING

MYSURU: Imtiaz Sait trained Endeavour (Antony Raj up), won the Mysore Dasara Sprint Championship - 2022, the feature event of the races held here on Thursday (Oct. 6).

The winner is owned by Manjri Horse Breed's Farm Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Homi F. Mehta, Mrs. Homi F. Mehta, Mr. Jehangir H. Mehta, Mrs. Liane M. Luthria & Mr. Milan Luthria.

Jockey Antony Raj won three races on the day.

**1. CHIRAPUNJI PLATE** (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over: **CAPITAL GAIN** (J.H. Arul) 1, The Response (Hasib A) 2, Dr Logan (B.L. Paswan) 3 and Bramastram (Antony) 4. 1/2, 3-1/2 and 1. 1m 25.27s. ₹35 (w), 12, 10 and 19 (p), SHP: 35, THP: 41, FP: 88, Q: 41, Trinella: 250 and 150. Favourite: The Response.

Owner: Miss Maria Divya Dominic. Trainer: S. Dominic.

**2. ONE LIFE TO LOVE PLATE** (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over: **KINGOFTHEJUNGLE** (Kiran Rai) 1, Jabbar (Shreyas S) 2, The Strength (Sai Kiran) 3 and Mutant (Srinath) 4. 4, Snk and Shd. 1m 11.67s. ₹46 (w), 19, 16 and 24 (p), SHP: 48, THP: 66, FP: 419, Q: 317, Trinella: 2,637 and 1,081. Favourite: Amazonia.

Owner: The Estate Of Late Mr. Gnanadeva Rao. Trainer: V. Appachu.

**3. URS KAR TROPHY** (Div. II), (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms): **GOLD MULTIPLIER** (R. Ajinkya) 1, Stamford Bridge (Trevor) 2, Odin (Hindu S) 3 and Kesari Queen (Sai Kiran) 4. Not run: Melanie. 6-1/2, 1-1/4 and 2-1/2. 1m 24.95s. ₹135 (w), 18, 10 and 17 (p), SHP: 49, THP: 39, FP: 281, Q: 35, Trinella: 663 and 587. Favourite: Stamford Bridge.

Owners: Mr. Mukul A. Sonawal & Mr. Girish Mehta. Trainer: Parvati Byramji.

**4. W.T. CRAIG-JONES MEMORIAL TROPHY** (1,600m), rated 20 to 45: **ANGEL BLISS** (Antony) 1, Tycoonist (Hindu S) 2, Thunderstruck (Nazerul) 3 and Eco Friendly (Sai Kiran) 4. Not run: Mystic Mountain. 6-3/4, 3-1/2 and 2-1/2. 1m 36.91s. ₹15 (w), 10, 23 and 20 (p), SHP: 49, THP: 48, FP: 61, Q: 60, Trinella: 250 and 109. Favourite: Angel Bliss. Owner: Arion Horse Co. Pvt Ltd. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

**5. URS KAR TROPHY** (Div. I), (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms): **ERIDANI** (Hindu S) 1, Serdar (Trevor) 2, Twilight Tornado (J.H. Arul) 3 and English Bay (Tousif Khan) 4. Nk, 5 and 10-1/2. 1m 23.75s. ₹21 (w), 10, 17 and 27 (p), SHP: 44, THP: 30, FP: 105, Q: 51, Trinella: 242 and 139. Favourite: Eridani.

Owner: Mr. Aziz A. Jaffer. Trainer: Azhar Ali.

**6. MYSORE DASARA SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP - 2022** (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, (Terms): **ENDEAVOUR** (Antony) 1, Ascoval (Trevor) 2, Star Glory (Suraj) 3 and Golden Guest (R. Ajinkya) 4. 3-1/2, 5 and 3-1/4. 1m 09.49s. ₹36 (w), 24 and 12 (p), SHP: 27, THP: 32, FP: 108, Q: 51, Trinella: 242 and 164. Favourite: Ascoval.

Owners: Manjri Horse Breed's Farm Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Homi F. Mehta, Mrs. Homi F. Mehta, Mr. Jehangir H. Mehta, Mrs. Liane M. Luthria & Mr. Milan Luthria. Trainer: Imtiaz Sait.

**7. FLEET INDIAN PLATE** (2,000m), rated 60 to 85: **KENSINGTON** (Antony) 1, Silvarius (Hindu S) 2, Crescendo (Hasib A) 3 and Notoriety (Angad) 4. 2-1/4, 7 and 1. 2m 04.26s. Rs. 13 (w), 10 and 15 (p), SHP: 20, THP: 64, FP: 23, Q: 19, Trinella: 317 and 262, ExactaL 624 and 267. Favourite: Kensington.

Owners: Diamond Band Racing Syndicate Pvt. Ltd. rep by. Mr. Shiven Surendranath, M/s. Haider Soomar, Kersi H. Vachha & Sumit Mazumder. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

**8. AUTUMN BLUE PLATE** (1,400m), rated 40 to 65: **JOHNNY BRAVO** (Nazerul) 1, Sir Calculus (Hasib A) 2, Aurele (H. Zeeshan) 3 and D Thirteen Twelve (Mukesh K) 4. Not run: Achook and Heroism. 4-3/4, 1-1/4 and 4-1/2. 1m 23.92s. ₹21 (w), 10, 21 and 58 (p) SHP: 36, THP: 82, FP: 60, Q: 73, Trinella: 672 and 473, Exacta: 592 (carried over). Favourite: Johnny Bravo.

Owner: Mr. Akhil Raghav M.P. Trainer: M. Bobby.

Jackpot: ₹623 (332 tkts).

Runner-up: 113 (784 tkts).

Treble (i): 538 (carried over); (ii): 1,974 (carried over); (iii): 116 (40 tkts).

# Sucre may score an encore

MYSURU: Sucre, who is in fine fettle, may score an encore in the Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club Mysore 2000 Guineas 2022 (1,600m), the chief event of the races to be held here on Friday (Oct 7).

There will be no false rails.

**1. YADAVAGIRI PLATE** (1,600m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over, 1.00 p.m.: 1. Like My Daddy (7) Hasib A 60, 2. News Maker (4) Srinath 59.5, 3. Adela (5) S. Saqlain 59, 4. Ironic Humour (6) Kiran Rai 59, 5. Southernaristocrat (1) Antony 59, 6. Osibisa (2) Sai Kiran 58.5 and 7. Miss China (3) Angad 57.5.

**1. SOUTHERNARISTOCRAT, 2. ADELA**

**2. SUNDERBANS PLATE** (1,100m), rated 00 to 25, 1.30: 1. Romantic Heart (6) Angad 62, 2. Emeraldo (1) Shreyas S 61.5, 3. Festive Star (8) S. Saqlain 61, 4. Shivalik Emperor (9) Imran Ashraf 61, 5. Country's Spark (10) J. Paswan 60.5, 6. Areca Angel (3) Salman K 58.5, 7. Lucky Sun (2) B. Darshan 58.5, 8. Scarlet Princess (7) H. Rathod 57, 9. So Far (5) B. Harish 55.5, 10. Sand Castles (11) R. Pradeep 54, 11. Engelberg (12) Hasib A 52.5 and 12. Virginia Queen (4) H. Zeeshan 52.5.

**1. EMERALDO, 2. SAND CASTLES, 3. ARECA ANGEL**

**3. SPECTACULAR QUEST PLATE** (Div. III), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 2.00: 1. Perfect Justice (12) Kiran Rai 60, 2. Eco System (1) M. Chandrashekar 58.5, 3. Jacaranda (11) G. Rohith 58.5, 4. Lead The Way (6) Janardhan P 58.5, 5. Twin Flame (13) Angad 58.5, 6. Kallu Sakkare (-) (-) 58, 7. Stars Above (3) Antony 58, 8. Hurrem (10) R. Shiva K 57.5, 9. Reckoning (4) Vijay K 57.5, 10. Country's Major (8) H. Zeeshan 56.5, 11. Meghann (5) Salman K 56, 12. Omerta (7) Sai Kiran 55.5 and 13. San Vinto (9) S. Mubarak 55.5.

**1. STAR ABOVE, 2. PERFECT JUSTICE, 3. MEGHANN**

**4. SPECTACULAR QUEST PLATE** (Div. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 2.30: 1. D Golden Cup (2) Ajay K 60, 2. Quick Shots (11) Kiran Rai 60, 3. Unique Style (3) S. Saqlain 60, 4. Altair (1) Sai Kiran 59.5, 5. Morganite (9) Afsar Khan 59.5, 6. Star Speck (5) Angad 59.5, 7. Supreme Angel (12) Hindu S 59.5, 8. Archway (7) Antony 59, 9. Fare Weather (8) Nazerul 59, 10. Sultan Sword (6) R. Shiva K 59, 11. Against All Odds (10) H. Zeeshan 58 and 12. Angel Dreams (4) B. Harish 58.

**1. ALTAIR, 2. UNIQUE STYLE, 3. ARCHWAY**

**5. MAJ. SARDAR L. MAHADEVAIAH MEMORIAL TROPHY** (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 3.00: 1. Capable (5) S. Saqlain 60, 2. Dornish (1) Sai Kiran 59, 3. Ceffina (4) Shreyas S 58, 4. Niche Cannabis (3) Nazerul 56, 5. Southern Power (2) Antony 53.5, 6. Impelling Power (7) Kiran Rai 53 and 7. Tyto Alba (6) Angad 53.

**1. CAPABLE, 2. SOUTHERN POWER**

**6. JUSTICE P. MEDAPA MEMORIAL TROPHY** (1,400m), rated 60 to 85, 4-y-o & over, 3.30: 1. Aberlour (5) S. Saqlain 62, 2. Peyo (3) Suraj 60, 3. Nothing To Worry (6) Kiran Rai 59.5, 4. Rising Sun (2) Angad 55, 5. Caracas (4) Trevor 54, 6. Cletus (7) Sai Kiran 53, 7. Colonel Harty (1) B. Harish 52.5 and 8. Ieilani (8) H. Zeeshan 50.

**1. CARACAS, 2. PEYO, 3. NOTHING TO WORRY**

**7. JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR GOLF CLUB MYSORE 2000 GUINEAS 2022** (1,600m), 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4.00: 1. Last Wish (6) Sandesh 56, 2. Once You Go Black (1) Suraj 56, 3. Ravishing Form (2) Trevor 56, 4. Still I Rise (4) Srinath 56, 5. Sucre (5) Akshay K 56 and 6. Tranquilo (3) Antony 56.

**1. SUCRE, 2. RAVISHING FORM**

**8. SPECTACULAR QUEST PLATE** (Div. i), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4.30: 1. Maybury (7) M. Prabhakaran 62.5, 2. Star Admiral (1) S. John 62.5, 3. D Roman Reigns (2) H. Rahul 61.5, 4. Fassbinder (6) Nazerul 61, 5. Indian Glory (12) S. Saqlain 60, 6. Indian Patriot (11) Srinath 60, 7. Paisley (13) L.A. Rozario 59, 8. Perfect Empress (9) Kiran Rai 59, 9. Unimaginable (3) R. Shiva K 59, 10. Eye The Mind (4) Antony 58.5, 11. Lucky One (8) Santosh K 58.5, 12. Deemed To Fire (5) Sarvan K 57.5 and 13. Country's Pace (10) Angad 54.5.

**1. STAR ADMIRAL, 2. EYE THE MIND, 3. INDIAN PATRIOT**

**9. HASTHINAPURA PLATE** (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5.00: 1. Aceros (6) Shreyas S 62.5, 2. Deimus (10) R. Shiva K 62.5, 3. Chisox (5) L.A. Rozario 60.5, 4. Waverunner (8) Vijay K 60.5, 5. Anne Boleyn (11) J.H. Arul 58.5, 6. Stone House (1) Ayaz Khan 58.5, 7. D Karna (9) S. Saqlain 58, 8. Gold Gray (4) Vaibhav 56.5, 9. D Durga (7) B. Harish 55.5, 10. Pastiche (12) Darshan 54.5, 11. Impeccable (3) Rayan 54 and 12. Royal Command (2) Angad 53.5.

**1. GOLD GRAY, 2. ACEROS, 3. CHISOX**

Day's best: **STAR ABOVE**

Double: **CAPABLE - CARACAS**

Jkt: 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6; (iii): 7, 8 and 9.